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Michael R. Warburg

professor emeritus

(May 31, 1931 Berlin, Germany – February 9, 2014 Haifa, Israel)

We have got the very shocking and sad news that Prof. Michael Warburg passed away on the 9th of February in Haifa.

He was one of the charismatic personalities and 'spiritual sponsor' of Isopodology for a long time. His first papers on Isopods were the results of his PhD work while he stayed as a student of the famous Prof. G.E. Hutchinson at Yale University (USA).

During his scientific carrier he was interested in different animal groups (ticks, scorpions, amphibians, reptiles besides terrestrial isopods) but there are common keywords that summarize his area of interest. The most important ones might be diversity, distribution, ecophysiology, reproductive systems and strategies. He wrote altogether more than 180 papers, over 75 abstracts, 2 books and was the co-editor of a Symposium Volume (from 1997, Haifa, Israel).

He was scientifically active till the last moments. Since his retirement, as a professor emeritus, he tried to summarize his results and share it with the scientific community. During the last 13 years he managed to write a series of accepted papers, among them 14 (partial) reviews on his favorite taxa. The idea of organizing the first symposium devoted to Isopods (London, 1984) originates from Prof. Warburg. The idea developed into a series of symposia, the newest one is expected to attract the isopodologists' crowd to Poitiers this summer. It could be a worthy tribute to dedicate this meeting to Professor Michel Warburg's memory.

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