

REVIEWS

W. VERVOORT (compiler). Bibliography of Copepoda, up to and including 1980. Part I (A-G). — Crustaceana (supplement), 10 (1986): 1-369. E. J. Brill, Leiden. ISBN 90-04-07845-2 (soft cover). Price US\$ 60.—

Part II (H-R). — Crustaceana (supplement), 11 (1986): i-iv, 371-845. E. J. Brill, Leiden. ISBN 90-04-08344-8 (soft cover). Price US\$ 82.50

Part III (S-Z), Addenda et Corrigenda, Supplement 1981-1985. — Crustaceana (supplement), 12 (1988): v-viii, 847-1316. E. J. Brill, Leiden. ISBN 90-04-08781-8 (soft cover). Price US\$ 82.50

In these three volumes of one thousand, three hundred and sixteen pages (about 5.5 cm shelf length) Willem Vervoort offers us the seemingly impossible, an exhaustive list (over 22,000 entries) of books and papers published about copepods through 1985—not simply those about new taxa, or those about ecological interactions, or just works on behavior, or ultrastructural morphology—but everything! This is a unique contribution to carcinology. The appearance of these volumes, however, is not entirely unexpected. Willem Vervoort's interest in careful literature compilation is received wisdom among copepodologists. Previously, calanoid workers could easily check questions about correct spelling of names, precise titles of articles and books, accurate volume and page numbers, and general citation structure against an extensive Reference section in Willem Vervoort's 1957 "Copepods from Antarctic and Sub-Antarctic Plankton Samples", volume III of the British, Australian, and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition reports. The present Bibliography, which was initiated on handwritten paper cards and finished with a desktop computer, now expands this coverage to the entire crustacean subclass.

While the Bibliography is unequalled as a source of information about correct citation structure, I also found it an interesting listing of the women and men who have studied copepods. I have used the volumes in topic chases—once I have identified an author who has written on a particular subject, I can quickly determine if she/he has written other articles by examining the remaining titles in the Bibliography. And I have discovered some fascinating papers about these tiny crustaceans during random page perusal.

E. J. Brill continues its interest in carcinological issues by publishing this Bibliography as volumes 10-12 in their supplement series to Crustaceana. This hard copy has several advantages. Once purchased it costs nothing to use, again and again, and it is easily accessible. A drawback to the hard copy is the single category and format for each entry—the Bibliography lists each entry once, by first author only. To how many other uses can the electronic file now be put? In his introduction Willem Vervoort mentions that a second format, an index, may soon be available.

The obvious final question, of course—is the Bibliography complete? The author suggests that perhaps only 90% of the literature has been covered. My knowledge of this literature is so superficial that I am unable to shed much light on this question. However, I must express my surprise in not finding an excellent summary [to 1965] of the zoogeography of pelagic copepods of the Southern Ocean in either the listing to 1980 or the corrections. Dr. Willem Vervoort, your computer has become forgetful; please have it add the following:

VERVOORT, W. 1965. Notes on the biogeography and ecology of free-living marine Copepoda. In: P. VAN OYE & J. VAN MIEGHEM (Eds.), Biogeography and Ecology in Antarctica. Monographiae Biologicae 15: 381-400.

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