



A brief history of the International Diatom Symposium

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The International Diatom Symposium began as the "First Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms" in Bremerhaven, Germany in 1970 with 15 diatomists in attendance. The informal group decided to meet on a biennial basis with meetings moving to different venues across Europe. The group grew with each of the early meetings and came to recognize the need to include both marine and freshwater researchers at the symposium. At the fifth meeting of the group, the name was changed to reflect this; the "Fifth Symposium on Recent and Fossil Diatoms" was held in Antwerp, Belgium in 1978. The meeting eventually adopted the name "International Diatom Symposium" at the 1982 seventh meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. In 1986, at the Ninth International Diatom Symposium in Bristol, UK, the International Society for Diatom Research (ISDR) was formally established and has used the International Diatom Symposium to hold their biennial meetings of the Council and the Society. The IDS continues as a biennial gathering of international diatomists with symposia venues proposed by members, subjected to member vote, and given final council approval. The Society has encouraged meetings beyond European and American venues; notable venues have included the first Asian meeting (Fourteenth International Diatom Symposium, in Tokyo, Japan), the first Australian meeting (Fifteenth International Diatom Symposium, in Perth, Australia), and a symposium held in Russia (Nineteenth International Diatom Symposium in Irkutsk, Russia).

A list of symposia names, dates, meeting venues, and where the principal proceedings of each symposium were published follows:

First Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms. Held in Bremerhaven, Germany from September 21–26, 1970.

Simonsen, R. (Ed.). 1972. *First Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms, Proceedings*.
Nova Hedwigia, Beihefte 39: 1–295.

Second Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms. Held in London, United Kingdom from September 4–9, 1972.

Simonsen, R. (Ed.). (1974) *Second Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms, Proceedings*.
Nova Hedwigia, Beihefte 45: 1–409.

Third Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms. Held in Kiel, Germany from September 9–13, 1974.

Simonsen, R. (Ed.) (1975) *Proceedings of the Third Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms*. *Nova Hedwigia, Beihefte* 53: 1–365.

Fourth Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms. Held in Oslo, Norway from August 30–September 3, 1976.

Simonsen, R. (Ed.) (1977) *Proceedings of the Fourth Symposium on Recent and Fossil Marine Diatoms. Nova Hedwigia, Beihefte* 54: 1–414.

Fifth Symposium on Recent and Fossil Diatoms. Held in Antwerp, Belgium from September 3–8, 1978.

Simonsen, R. (Ed.) (1979). *Proceedings of the Fifth Symposium on Recent and Fossil Diatoms. Nova Hedwigia, Beihefte* 64: 1–533.

Sixth Symposium on Recent and Fossil Diatoms. Held in Budapest, Hungary from September 1–5, 1980.

Ross, R. (Ed.) (1981) *Proceedings of the Sixth Symposium on Recent and Fossil Diatoms. Taxonomy, Morphology, Ecology, Biology*. Koeltz, Koenigstein, 487 pp.

Hajós, M. (Ed.) (1982) *Proceedings of the Sixth Symposium on Recent and Fossil Diatoms. Biostratigraphy, Paleoecology, Paleogeography, Paleoclimatology. Acta Geologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* 25 (1–2): [1]–236.

Seventh International Diatom Symposium. Held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA from August 22–27, 1982.

Mann, D. G. (Ed.) (1984) *Proceedings of the Seventh International Diatom Symposium*. Koeltz, Koenigstein, 541 pp.

Eighth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Paris, France from August 27–September 1, 1984.

Ricard, M. (Ed.) (1986) *Proceedings of the Eighth International Diatom Symposium*. Koeltz, Koenigstein, 781 pp.

Ninth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Bristol, United Kingdom from August 24–30, 1986.

Round, F. E. (Ed.) (1988) *Proceedings of the Ninth International Diatom Symposium*. Biopress, Ltd., Bristol, and Koeltz, Koenigstein, 480 pp.

Tenth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Joensuu, Finland from August 28–September 2, 1988.

Simola, H. (Ed.) (1990) *Proceedings of the Tenth International Diatom Symposium*. Koeltz, Koenigstein, 592 pp.

Eleventh International Diatom Symposium. Held in San Francisco, California, USA from August 12–17, 1990.

Kociolek, J. P. (Ed.) (1994) *Proceedings of the 11th International Diatom Symposium, Memoirs of the California Academy of Sciences*, Number 17, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, 670 pp.

Twelfth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Renesse, The Netherlands from August 30–September 3, 1992.

Van Dam, H. (Ed.) (1993) *Proceedings of the Twelfth International Diatom Symposium. Hydrobiologia* 269/270: 1–540 .

Thirteenth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Maratea, Italy from September 1–7, 1994.

Marino, D. & Montresor, M. (Eds) (1995) *Proceedings of the Thirteenth International Diatom Symposium*. Biopress Limited, Bristol, 576 pp.

Fourteenth International Diatom Symposium–Held in the 1964 Olympic Village, Tokyo, Japan from September 2–8, 1996. (Organizers: S. Mayama, M. Idei, I. Koizumi)

Mayama, S., Idei, M. & Koizumi, I. (Eds) (1999) *Proceedings of the Fourteenth International Diatom Symposium*. Koeltz Scientific Books, Koenigstein, 638 pp.

Fifteenth International Diatom Symposium–Held at Curtin University, Perth, Australia from September 28–October 2, 1998. (Organizer: Jacob John)

John, J. (Ed.) (2002) *Proceedings of the Fifteenth International Diatom Symposium*. A. R. G. Gantner Verlag K. G., Ruggell / Liechtenstein, 520 pp.

Sixteenth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Athens, Greece and aboard the cruise liner "*Olympus Countess*" as it toured the Aegean Sea, August 28–September 1, 2000. (Organizer: A. Economou-Amilli)

Economou-Amilli, A. (Ed.) (2001) *Sixteenth International Diatom Symposium, Proceedings 2001*. Amvrosiou Press, Athens. 601 pp.

Seventeenth International Diatom Symposium. Held at the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Canada from August 25–31, 2002. (Organizer: M. Poulin)

Poulin, M. (Ed.) (2004) *Proceedings of the Seventeenth International Diatom Symposium*. Biopress Ltd., Bristol. 481 pp.

Eighteenth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Miedzyzdroje, Poland from September 2–7, 2004. (Organizer: A. Witkowski)

Witkowski, A. (Ed.) (2006) *Proceedings of the Eighteenth International Diatom Symposium*. Biopress Ltd., Bristol, 508 pp.

Nineteenth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Irkutsk, Russia from August 28–September 3, 2006.
(Organizer: Yelena Likhoshway)

Likhoshway, Ye. (Ed.) (2008) *Proceedings of the Nineteenth International Diatom Symposium*.
Biopress Ltd., Bristol, 168 pp.

Twentieth International Diatom Symposium. Held in Dubrovnik, Croatia from September 7–13, 2008
(Organizer: Nenad Jasprica)

Jasprica, N. (Guest Ed.) (2009) Papers presented at the 20th International Diatom Symposium. *Acta
Botanica Croatica* 68(2): 179–477.

Twenty-first International Diatom Symposium. Held in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA from August 29–September
3, 2010 (Organizers: Matthew Julius, Mark Edlund)

Julius, M.L. & Edlund, M.B. (Eds) (2013) Proceedings of the 21st International Diatom Symposium.
Phytotaxa 127(1): 1–210.

Twenty-second International Diatom Symposium. Held in Ghent, Belgium from August 26–31, 2012,
(Organizers: Koen Sabbe, Bart Van de Vijver, Wim Vyverman)