



Call for Papers on Special Issue

GLOBAL DIVERSITY OF EARTHWORMS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE X INTERNATIONAL OLIGOCHAETA TAXONOMY MEETING
(November 3rd to 7th 2025)

Submission Period: until 30th June 2026

This Special Issue is associated with contributions to the **X International Oligochaeta Taxonomy Meeting (X IOTM)**, held in Osijek, Croatia, from 3 to 7 November 2025.

The International Oligochaeta Taxonomy Meeting (IOTM) is a dedicated forum for specialists to share knowledge, discuss recent scientific advances, and identify current gaps in the study of these essential, yet often overlooked, organisms. The meeting promotes collaboration, fosters synergies, and encourages the exchange of ideas across multiple scientific disciplines. Although its core emphasis lies on oligochaete taxonomy and phylogeny, IOTM also welcomes contributions addressing broader aspects of oligochaete biology, including ecology, faunistic, phylogeography, and evolutionary biology.

The aim of this Special Issue is to stimulate and promote the submission of manuscripts to **Zootaxa**, inviting all types of taxonomic papers on **Crassiclitellata** and **Enchytraeidae**. Eligible contributions include but are not limited to: theories and methods of systematics and phylogeny; taxonomic monographs, revisions and reviews; catalogues and checklists; biographies and bibliographies; identification guides; analyses of morphological and molecular characters; studies on phylogenetic relationships and zoogeographical patterns of distribution; descriptions of new taxa; and nomenclatural acts.

We warmly welcome and encourage contributions on earthworm taxonomy, systematics, and biogeography from all regions of the world.

All authors are kindly requested to follow the formal requirements of **Zootaxa** when preparing their manuscripts (see: <https://www.mapress.com/zt/about/submissions>).

Manuscripts should be submitted **EXCLUSIVELY** to iotm.org@gmail.com, on behalf of the Zootaxa Editors **Marie Bartz** and/or **Daniel Marchán**.

Best wishes,

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