

MoFA

4th MoFA Conference

26 – 27 September 2025

Biodiversitätszentrum Oberösterreich

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Cover image: Table 14 from the lavishly illustrated catalogue of Ignaz Born from 1780. [Testacea Musei Cæsarei Vindobonensis, quæ jussu Mariæ Theresiæ Augustæ disposuit et descripsit. Kraus, Vindobonæ (Vienna), [I-XXXVI], 1-442, [1-18].] ©NHM Vienna



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Thursday, 25 September, 2025

Optional Arrival in Linz

- 16:00 – Visit of the Mollusc-Collection at the Depot of the Biodiversitätszentrum Oberösterreich, Lindengasse 7, 4040 Linz
- 18:30 – Get-Together and Dinner at the Bildungshaus Sankt Magdalena, Schatzweg 177, 4040 Linz

Friday, 26 September, 2025

Scientific Program

- 10:00** Welcome
 Magdalini Christodoulou (Biodiversitätszentrum Linz)
 Michael Duda (President MoFA, NHM Vienna)

Talks – Session 1

Chair: Michael Duda (NHM Vienna)

- 10:10–10:40** **Key note**
 Willy de Mattia (University Vienna): Testing genital anatomical characters in clausiliid systematics on the example of Alopinae (Gastropoda: Stylommatophora: Clausiliidae)
- 10:40–11:00** **Patricia Matic (University Vienna):** Musculature of the invertible foot of gadilid Scaphopoda in 3D view
- 11:00–11:20** **Sara Kafimola (Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic):** *Parakaliella harimensis* from East Asia: A highly diverse *Euconulus* lineage

11:20–11:50 Coffee break
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Talks – Session 2: MoFA Scholarship candidates

Chair: Katharina Mason (NHM Vienna)

- 11:50–12:10** **Patrick Kaiser (University Vienna):** Mussels of the Vienna Lobau
- 12:10–12:30** **Julie Conrads (EAWAG/ETH Zürich, Switzerland):** Invasion genetics of the quagga mussel: Global and regional dispersal dynamics using whole-genome sequencing
- 12:30–12:50** **Tobias Leister (BOKU University Vienna):** Invasive gobiid fishes (Gobiidae) as hosts for native freshwater mussels (Unionidae) in oxbows of the Danube in Austria

12:50–14:00 Lunch and Coffee break
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Talks – Session 3

Chair: Elisabeth Haring (NHM Vienna)

- 14:00–14:20** **Magdalini Christodoulou (Biodiversitätszentrum Linz):** Bringing the mollusc collection online: Digitisation efforts at Biodiversity Centre, Upper Austria Landes-Kultur GmbH
- 14:20–14:40** **Stefan Kwitt (Haus der Natur, Salzburg):** Digitization of the malacological collection at Haus der Natur Salzburg
- 14:40–15:00** **Katharina Mason (NHM Vienna):** Getting digital – aims, difficulties and results of the Digitization of the Mollusc collection at the NHMW
- 15:00–15:20** **Paul Arminger (blattfisch e.U., Wels, Austria):** The species conservation project "Vision Flussperlmuschel" –goals, challenges, successes

15:20–15:40 Coffee break
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Talks – Session 4

Chair: Magdalini Christodoulou (Biodiversitätszentrum Linz)

- 15:40–16:00** **Marlene Füreder (Linz):** Landschnecken-Fauna Süd-Kroatiens, der SO-Herzegovina und W-Montenegros
- 16:00–16:20** **Michael Duda (NHM Vienna):** DNA Barcoding of native Austrian spring snails – first results on the Stygofauna Austria project
- 16:20–16:40** **Hubert Blatterer (Amt der Oö. Landesregierung, Linz, Austria):** Long-term data analysis of macrozoobenthos over 30 years as part of the Biological Survey Program (BUP) in Upper Austria.
- 16:40–17:00** **Rudolf Kapeller (Scharnstein, Austria):** "On the trail of snails" – A natural trail project in Scharnstein/Almtal

17:00 Award ceremony and closing remarks

Evening: Get together and dinner at the Gasthaus Lüftner, Klausenbachstraße 18, 4040 Linz
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Saturday, 27 September, 2025

Excursion

- 08:45 – Departure from Linz by car
- 10:15 – Arrival at the Cumberland Wildtierpark Grünau
- 13:30 – Travel by car
- 14:00 – Lunch at the Seehaus am Almsee
- 15:30 – Short walk around the Almsee (appr. 30 minutes)
- Departure