



EDITORIAL



The Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig (ZFMK) has established a long tradition in organizing and hosting international symposia. Most of these dealt with tropical zoology and often focussed on Africa and on vertebrates. Some special symposia were devoted to herpetology, the first of these to the reptiles of the Canary Islands, three further ones to all aspects of monitor lizard research, and the last one to the world's widest-distributed lizard, the lacertid *Zootoca vivipara*. In this tradition, one of us (Philipp WAGNER) developed the idea of a First International Symposium on Agamid Lizards (his favourite squamate group) which was held at ZFMK on February 22–24, 2008 under the name “DeAgamis”.

The idea to bring the world's leading specialists on agamid lizards to Bonn and to develop new cooperation projects had a very positive echo. 50 researchers from 9 countries (Australia, Czech Republic, England, Germany, The Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, the USA and Vietnam) attended, and a total of 20 talks and posters which covered a broad variety of topics on nearly all agamid groups were presented to the participants.

Because not all contributors were able to submit their presentations to the present volume, their abstracts are summarized in an appendix in order to inform the readers who did attend the meeting, and about the topics presented and discussed.

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Participants of DeAgamis in Bonn, February 23rd, 2008.

Finally, we are happy to inform the readers that there will be a second International Symposium on Agamid Lizards (DeAgamis II) to be organized by our friend and colleague Prof. Dr. Natalya B. ANANJEVA in St. Petersburg in 2010 which lets us hope that our first symposium DeAgamis might evolve into a series of meetings.

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