Aragonite overgrowths cover the tips of a group of stalactites in a brackish pool of Cova des Pas de Vallgornera (Mallorca Island, Spain). Precipitation of carbonates at the water table of coastal karsts in southern Mallorca produces characteristic overgrowths that appear placed just in the current tidal range of fluctuation of these sea-level controlled phreatic waters (photo Antoni Merino).

A new foodweb. Cansiliella servadeii feeding on bacteria living on percolated moonmilk formation in Grotta della Foos (photo Alberto Pamio).
The International Journal of Speleology (ISSN 0392-6672) is published biannually by the University of South Florida Libraries, USA

Note to Contributors

1. Papers should be submitted online at http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/ijsp/. Texts should be typed 1.5 line spaced and have continuous numbered lines, preferably using Times New Roman 12 pt font, and should not contain figures, tables or photographs. Table and figure captions should be placed after the reference list using the format of IJS (see most recent issues).

2. Figures and tables should be sent in separate files (e.g. Fig1.jpg or Fig1.tif, Tab1.doc or Tab1.xls). For long tables MS Excel should preferably be used (e.g. Tab1.xls). Submission of a paper will be taken to imply that it is unpublished and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

3. Papers should preferably be written in English. Authors using a language other than their own are requested to have their manuscripts checked for linguistic correctness before submission. SI system units should be used. Dates should be in the form “5 February 1975”, numbers as 21.6°C (and not 12.6 °C).

4. Papers should be headed by a title, the full name(s), business address(es) and e-mail address(es) of the author(s), plus full details of posts held by the author(s) if appropriate. If a paper has more than one author, the name of the person to whom correspondence and proofs should be sent must be followed by *.

5. Abstract should be short and summarise the contents of the paper. Authors should provide five keywords after the abstract. Keywords are separated by a : Articles can be structured in 3 orders of headings: e.g. GEOLOGY, Lithology, mineralogical characteristics. See recent issues for examples.

Each paper will be subject to editorial review by two or more referees. The Editorial Staff reserves the right to return any manuscript submitted, whether by invitation or otherwise, and to make suggestions and modifications before publication. Submitted papers should be in a final form ready for publication. Correction to proofs should be restricted to printing and editorial errors only. Other than these, the cost of very substantial alterations may be charged to the author(s).

Bibliographical references should be listed in alphabetical and chronological order at the end of the paper. See most recent issues for examples. References should be in the following forms:


7. References should be cited in the text in parentheses, e.g. “(Jones, 1961)” except when the author’s name is part of the sentence, e.g. “Jones (1961) has shown that...”. When reference is made more than once to the same author and year, a, b, c, etc. should be added to the date in the text and in the reference list. For two authors cite in the form (Palmer & Palmer, 2000a); for more than two authors cite in the form (Klimchouk et al., 1995). Multiple citations are listed in chronological order separated by ; e.g. (White et al., 1988; Palmer, 2001).

8. Each table should be supplied in a separate file. Tables should be numbered using Arabic numerals, e.g. “Table 1”, etc. and must be cited in the text close to where they should be placed. Should a table not be an original, a full reference to its previous publication should be quoted. Tables should be supplied with appropriate captions, and kept as simple as possible.

9. Color figures are printed free of charge and should be supplied in separate files. Figures should be numbered using Arabic numerals, e.g. “Fig 1”, etc. and must be cited in the text close to where they should be placed. Plots and graphs should be suitable for a reduction to the journal format. Figures and photographs should be supplied with appropriate captions, and kept as simple as possible.

10. Letters to the Editorial Staff should relate to single topics, provide comment on editorial policy or discuss the content of the International Journal of Speleology, or be responses to comments published in earlier issues of the journal.

11. Articles accepted by the Editorial Staff will become the property of the Publisher and may not be reprinted or translated without the written permission of the Publisher.

12. The Editor and the Publisher of the International Journal of Speleology are not responsible for the scientific content or other statements provided by the authors of accepted papers.