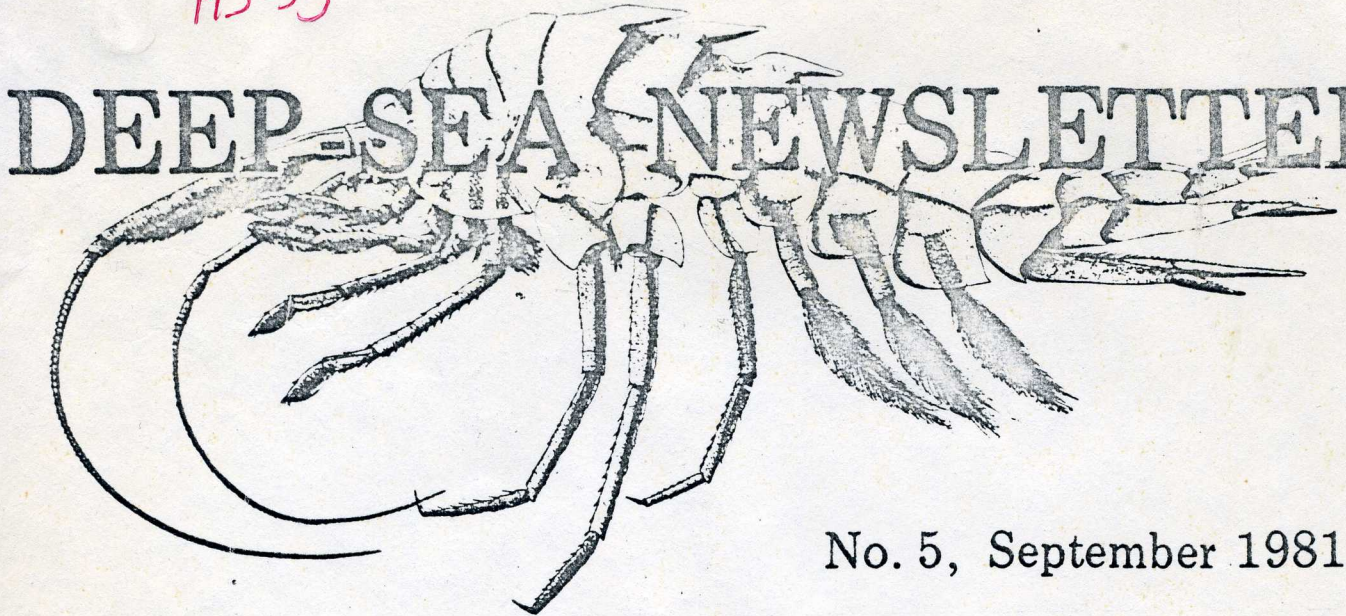


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## THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DEEP-SEA BIOLOGY, NOVEMBER 1981

The International Symposium on Deep-Sea Biology (La Jolla, California; 4-6 November, 1981) continues to move forward. Approximately forty people (list below) have indicated they would come, and another ten are unsure, but are trying to make it. Thirty-four people declared an interest in speaking.

We have decided that the best format is one with formal talks in the morning and informal presentations and discussions in the afternoon. Accordingly, there will be time for six 20-minute talks (with an additional 5-10 minutes for discussion) each morning. This will allow two coffee breaks. I am choosing the total eighteen speakers randomly.\* Attendees will be given notification individually on their speaking status.

The first and third afternoon sessions will be devoted to informal discussions. Here, we can pursue issues brought out in the morning or introduce new topics. I encourage every attendee to bring a few favorite slides, overhead transparencies or movies that show data, equipment or the deep sea itself. There will be plenty of opportunity to show them to the group and tell us about them. Here is a chance for those who have not had the opportunity to speak formally to tell us what they have been doing, and to show us some of the things that have excited them. This is also a time to discuss future programs, plans or collaborations.

The second afternoon has been reserved for an informal presentation about the hydrothermal vent community. Many of the participants in that program will be at the meeting, creating an ideal opportunity to bring everyone up to date on what has been happening and on future plans. All this with the usual spectacular slides, movies and videotapes.

There will be plenty of coffee at all sessions, and at the end of each day we will have a wine and beer mixer on a balcony overlooking the Pacific.

I am becoming very enthusiastic about the meeting and think those who come will be glad they did. It is not too late for others who decide they would like to come after all, although they will not be able to give a formal talk. Just write to me and I will send the information. Or if it gets too late to write, just come. Registration will be at 0800-0900, 4 November, Wednesday, at the Marine Biology Conference Room (room 4500 MBB), Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California, 92093.

\*There will be one exception to choosing speakers randomly; we will guarantee the opportunity to speak to anyone who must give a talk in order to receive travel funds from his government.

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