

Can we trust research results from UiO scientists ?

Taking care of research material at the
Natural History Museum

Would you accept an accounting report without receipts?

Should we accept research results without receipts??

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Cambrian (Series 3 – Furongian) conodonts from the Alum Shale Formation at Slemmestad, Norway 47

Conclusions

The conodont fauna recorded from the Slemmestad

Repository. – Figured material is deposited in the palaeontological collection of the Natural History Museum, University of Oslo (collection acronym PMO).

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The image shows a screenshot of a news article from VG (Verdens Gang). The top navigation bar includes 'VG', 'SPORTEN', 'VG LIVE', 'TV-GUIDE', 'VG+', and 'TIPS OSS'. The main image is a night photograph of the National Museum in Rio de Janeiro, which is engulfed in a large fire. A red play button icon is centered over the image. The text 'Research collections lost, but does it matter?' is overlaid on the image. Below the image, the text reads 'Her står Brasils nasjonalmuseum i brann'. The main headline is 'Nasjonalmuseet i Rio totalskadet i brann'. The sub-headline reads 'Nasjonalmuseet i Brasil gikk søndag opp i flammer. Det er ikke meldt om skade i brannen. – En tragisk dag for Brasil, sier president Michel Temer.'

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Data, yes, but only digital data?



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An example from paleontology – research using fossils

Do you agree on the identification of these fossils ?

Polar Research 27 2008 292–297 © 2008 The Author Intraspecific variation of *Svalbardiceras spitzbergensis* (Frebald)

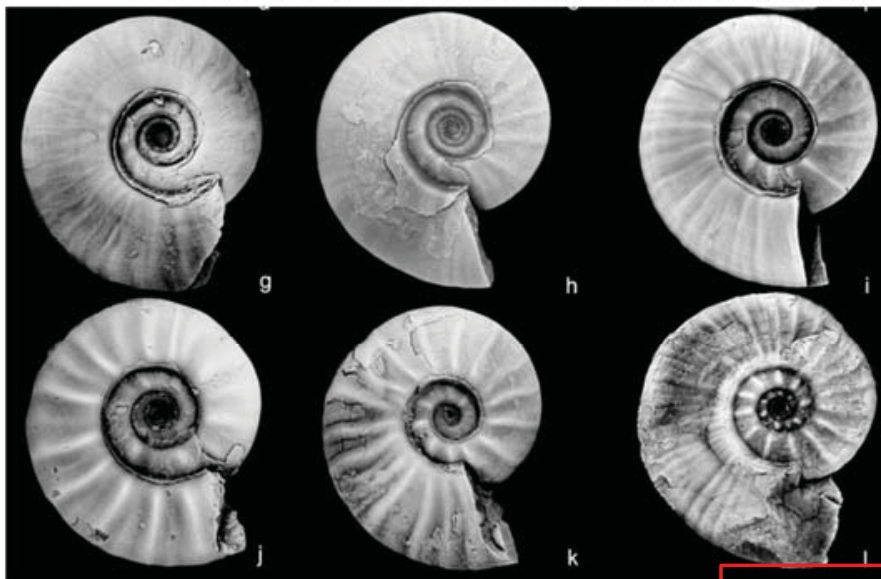


Fig. 3 *Svalbardiceras spitzbergensis* (Frebald). Side views of 12 specimens from a single nodule layer [Early Tertiary, Spitzbergen, Keyserlingites subrobustus Zone, Vikinghøgda Formation (Vendamdalen Member) at the continuous morphological variation. (a, c–g, l) Specimens from Stensiøfjellet, central Spitsbergen; (b, h, i) specimens from Wallenberget, central Spitsbergen; (j) specimen from Roslagenfjellet, eastern Spitsbergen; (k) specimen from Trehøgden, central Spitsbergen. Magnification: (a) 1.4 times natural size; (c) and (l) 0.8 times natural size; (j) 1.4 times natural size. All the other specimens are shown at their natural sizes. Note the variation represented at the two extremes by (a) and (l).

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Another example from paleontology

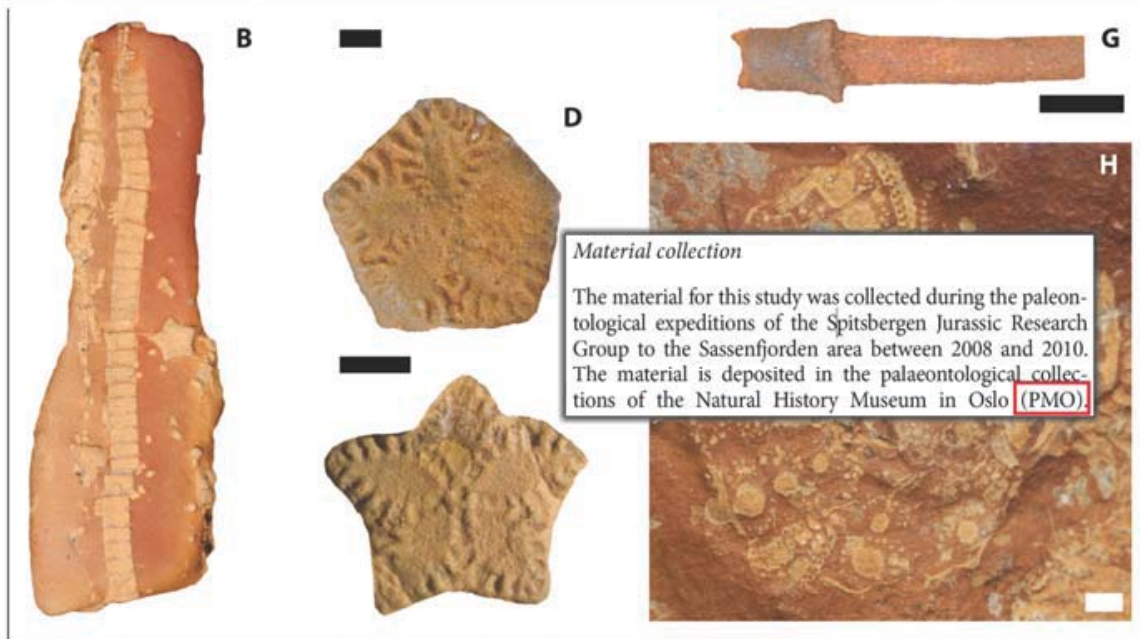


Figure 3. The Janusfjellet Lagerstätte allochthonous fauna. A-E: *Chariocrinus* sp. A. PMO 217.968. Partially articulated arms. B. PMO 217.906. Lateral view of a pluricolumnal with some partial cirri. B is to scale with A. C. PMO 217.903. Accumulation of disarticulated ossicles typical of the Janusfjellet Lagerstätte. D. PMO 217.958. Columnal in distal (aboral) view. E. PMO 217.914. Columnal in distal view. E is to scale with D. F-H: *Hemipedina* sp. F. PMO 217.997. Apical view of the oral region of a partial test. G. PMO 217.905. Details of spine. H. PMO 218.011b. Apical view of test. Scale bars are 1 mm across, except in C where it is 10 mm across.

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Another example from paleontology

Palynomorphs and particulate organic matter in Late Pleistocene–Holocene deep-water sediments in the Nansen Basin (Arctic Ocean): From sources to sink

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The point is:

Physical objects (rocks, fossils, plants, animals, blood samples, tissue etc etc) must for the unforeseen future be stored in an **open, accessible collection**, preferably in a governmental **museum**.

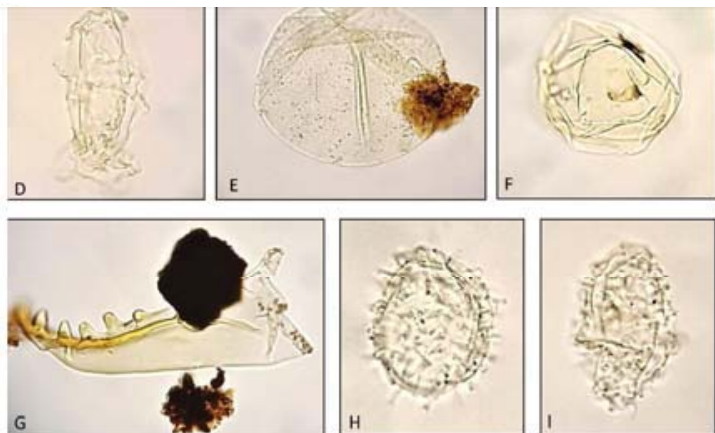


Figure 4. Quaternary palynomorphs recovered from samples St. 4, Su. 4 and St. 5 in the Nansen Basin. Repository NTNU Vitenskapsmuseet. Collection no NTNU-VM-GE 10.001–10.007. (A) *Protoperidinium* sp., (B) *Nematosphaeropsis labyrinthus*, (C) *Halodinium* sp., (D) *Spiniferites elongatus*, (E) *Gen. et sp. indet.*, (F) *Leiosphaeridia* sp. (reworked?), (G) *Scolecodont*, (H) *Operculodinium centrocarpum*, (I) *Operculodinium centrocarpum* (short processes). Magnification of all specimens: 500X.

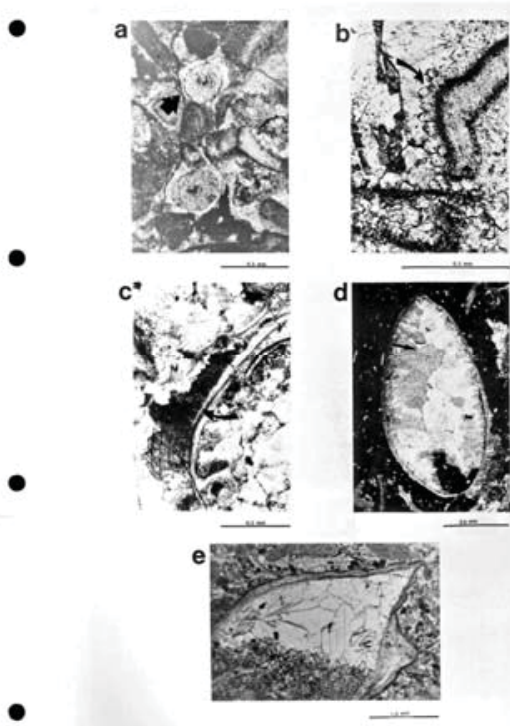
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Or even better: the supervisors**

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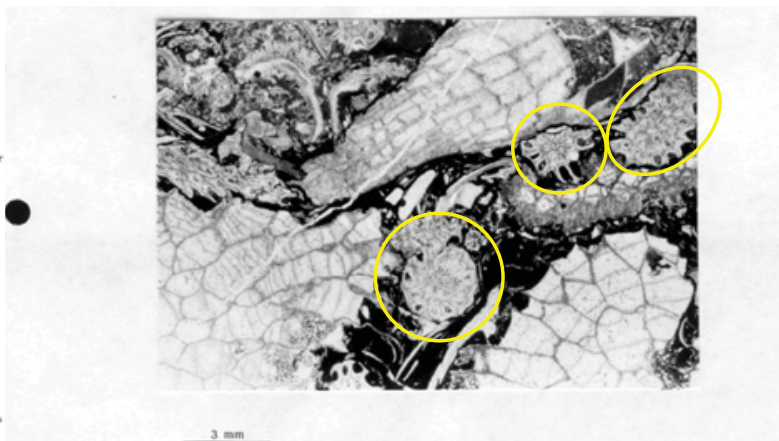


Fig. 3.9 Figuren viser at korallfragmentene er lite slitt, på tross av de generelt er transportert. De ytre korallcalyx er ikke sementert.



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Figure 6.4. Microphotograph of a microcline (perthite), quartz grains and some calcite cement. Note grain-supported fabric. From the Stubdal Formation, quarry near Utvika (locality RG30) (in cross-polarized light).

Thin sections costs > 500 NOK – why not take care of them, and make them available for re-study?

Another Blindern MSc thesis:
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PLANSJE 1

Fig. 1,2,5-10 *Pteropathodus amphipathoides* WALLISER

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5. M-element, ytterside, 75x	PMO 111.199/26
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9. Pb-element, 75x	PMO 111.199/11
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Fig. 3,4 *Pteropathodus welli* (WALLISER)

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Fig. 11 *Pteropathodus pennatus pennatus* (WALLISER)

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Fig. 12 *Pteropathodus pennatus pennatus* (WALLISER)

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Fig. 13,14 *Johannognathus* sp.

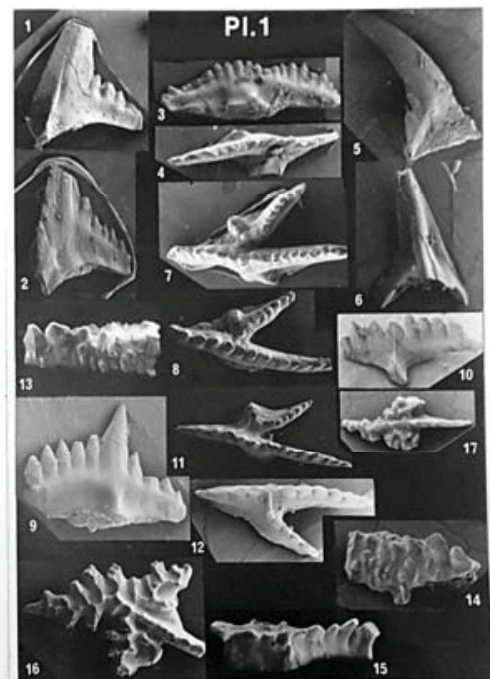
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Fig. 15. *Johannognathus huddlei* (MASHKOVA)

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Fig. 16, 17. *Aulanognathus bullatus* (NICOLL & REKROD)

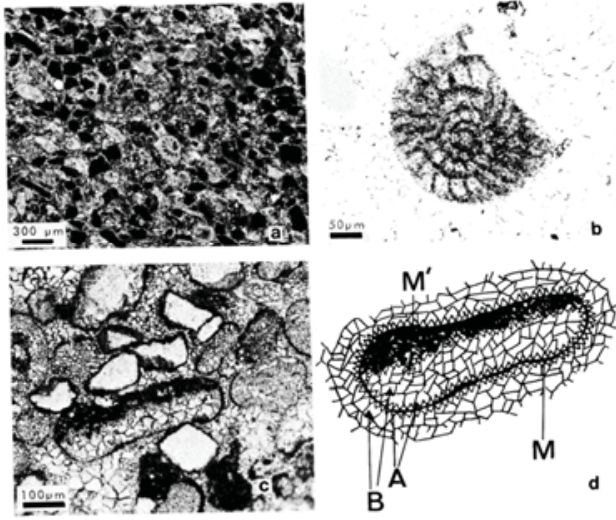
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detailed variable sets. Being common is an advantage when there is no size difference (the term common.00 in Table 2), but being rare is an advantage as long as there is a size difference (the term common.01). Specifically, ryzozon that represents only 1% of the rim in a battle against a given opponent is = 1.83 times higher than one that represents 1% of the community, given that there is a size difference between them. Chelostomes with phylloids are generally weaker overgrowers than those with anascan morphology. A chelostome with anascophoran are likely to lose a battle (Table 1), our overgrowth outcomes for them is contraction of the state of being ascose. Presence of vicarious avicularia carious avicularia; Table 2). Ascophoran chance of winning over anascans if carious avicularia, than if they do not. It also appears that chelostomes with phylloids are at an overgrowth advantage, have such spines but no "small" avicularia types other than large vicarious avicularia (Table 2, Fig. 3). Of the pikes on their avicells (outgrowths hard), those with avicularia are at a clear 2, Fig. 3). This best model (Table 2) outcome correctly with an CVP probability test $P = 0.00056$ compared with. While there is naturally greater model than in the models from the coarse variant because we cannot search through intuitively, we note that the greatest ainty is associated with whether com- interact with size or interzooidal avicu- should be a stand-alone variable.

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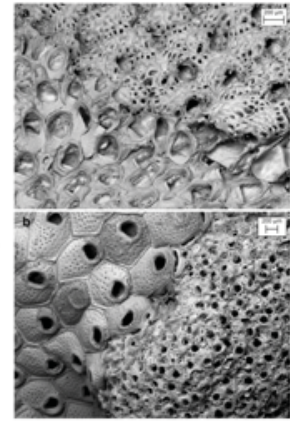


FIG. 2. Winning traits. Scanning electron micrographs of reciprocal overgrowth observed in contemporary material from Cook Strait, New Zealand. (a) *Eocheilia conjuncta* (top right colony, ascophoran, "clothed") vs. *Mollia anascana* (bottom left colony, anascan, "naked"; eds3709). (b) *Macrospora aviculari* (left colony, single-layered growth) vs. *Ostiosissa* sp. (right colony, multilayered growth; eds3705).

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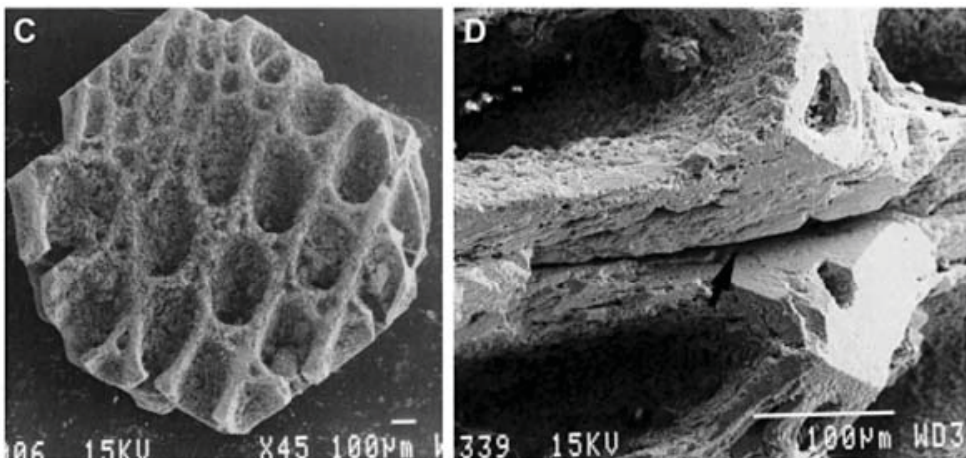


Fig. 2. *Phaeopora lindstroemi* ULRICH mineralized in galena. A. A typical specimen, showing the two small mesopores between each zooecium. From Stenkyrkehuk (beach section S. of the lighthouse). B. Fragment showing the monocrystalline nature of the material. From Storbrut (section below reef, just above lowest bentonite bed). C. Fragment from the margin of a colony, showing numerous mesopores, and "foamy" mineralization. From Storbrut. D. Enlargement of B. showing unmineralized fissures corresponding to the parts richest in organic matrix in the bryozoans. Specimens are from the Lower Visby Marl, close to the lowest of three bentonite beds. Scale bars give the magnification.

No collection numbers in the article

All the material was collected by the author, and belongs to the Department of Palaeozoology of the Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm.

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**We must start with the students
Experience and advice from “my” museum**



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Taking care of students' material



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Must also teach journal editors

What data do journals require researchers to archive?

Surveying the data archival requirements of 100 top journals in ecology, evolution, behavior and systematics, the authors found that scientific journal data policies rarely address what to do with physical specimens once the research is published.

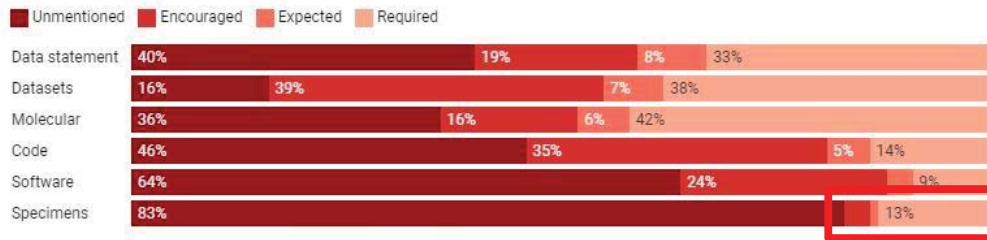


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More than half of the top 100 journals in ecology, evolution, behavior and systematics mention or require the permanent archival of DNA sequences. But fewer than one-fifth have similar requirements for specimens. If specimens are preserved, DNA sequences can always be regenerated.

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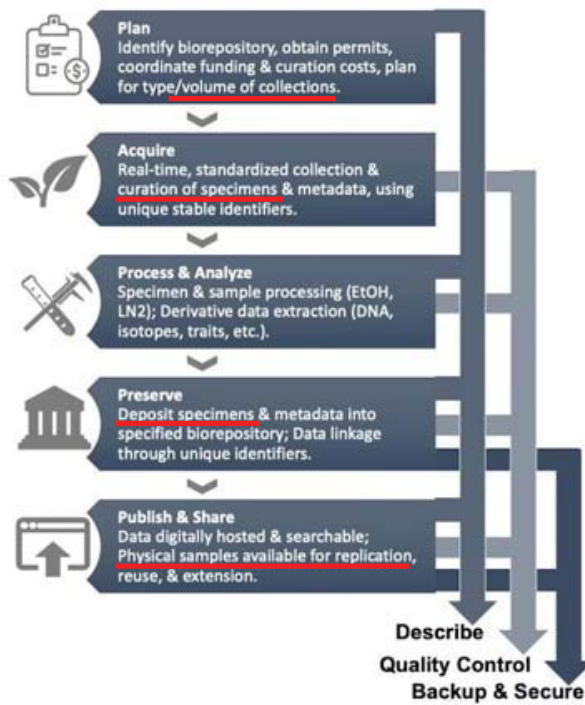
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Conducting and completing a research project

Storage of material must be included in NRC applications



A guide on how to integrate specimens into data management plans. This process highlights the central role of biorepositories in specimen data security. Collette et al. 2020. CC BY-ND

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