

JEAN-MARIE DEMANGE**1922–2017****JMD, Muséum Paris 1968 (1st ICM)**

Jean-Marie Demange was born on August 2nd, 1922 in the city of Epinal, French Vosges. He passed away on Sunday October 22, 2017 in the city of Niort, Charente-Maritime. He was 95 years old. He had one son, two grand-daughters and one great-grandson.

Amongst many activities, Jean-Marie Demange became a specialist of historical antique oil lamps, old time-keeping devices and ancient clocks with very complicated mechanisms. But above all, he became a specialist of a particular group of arthropods, the myriapods, and more precisely the predatory centipedes and the saprophagous millipedes.

Jean-Marie Demange devoted his scientific career as a zoologist. to centipede and millipede biology, in the laboratory 'Zoologie-Vers et Crustacés', then

laboratory 'Zoologie-Arthropodes' of the *Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle* of Paris (MNHN). He worked under the successive directorships of Professor Louis Fage, then Professor Max Vachon and finally Professor Yves Coineau. He was also very active in scientific societies, particularly the 'Société Zoologique de France'.

In 1967 he defended a thesis entitled *Recherches sur la segmentation du tronc des chilopodes et des diplopodes chilognathes (Myriapodes)*, published in the 'Mémoires du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle'.

He published many taxonomic descriptions and biological results in papers, monographs and books, related to different aspects of myriapods including anatomy, development, locomotion, and venom. This last aspect was initiated and developed during the lecture courses given at the MNHN, which is still ongoing today.

In collaboration with Jean-Paul Mauriès (MNHN, Paris) and Professor Otto Kraus (University of Hamburg, Germany), Jean-Marie Demange was the founding member of the Centre International de Myriapodologie (the **CIM**), created in 1968 in Paris (France). This scientific society, now CIM - International Society for Myriapodology, continues to promote Internationally the study of myriapodology including organising regularly international congresses of myriapodology. Jean-Marie Demange was the CIM Treasurer for many years and was deeply involved in myriapod bibliography.

I met him personally for the first time in 1974, when I was a student in population ecology and systematics in Professor Maxime Lamotte's laboratory. I began to learn how to walk with myriapods and I have never regretted this choice.

The making, writing, printing and mailing of the annual CIM Questionnaire and CIM Bulletin, gave me opportunities to work with him, as well as Jean-Paul Mauriès and Monique Nguyen. We spent time together fighting against reluctant stencils and roneo machines, looking for bibliographic references and sticking stamps on envelopes to be sent all over the world to colleagues. This image of the past is not a melancholy one - times are changing, evolving and improving. We keep in our memory moments of friendship.



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1977 (left); 1993 (right)**

A comprehensive list of publications by Jean-Marie Demange is available on request from Jean-Jacques Geoffroy jean-jacques.geoffroy@mnhn.fr.

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