

The mollusk collection of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago

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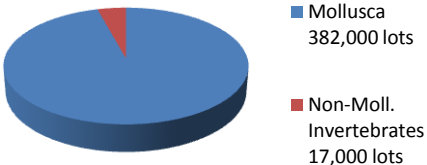


The Field Museum of Natural History (FMNH) in Chicago was founded in 1893 as the permanent repository for natural history objects from the World's Columbian Exposition



- Private, non-profit museum
- Current building (1921) just S of loop (central business district)
- 1,300,000 square ft. total floor space
- 500 employees
- Collections, exhibitions covering life and earth sciences, anthropology
- Total of 30 million specimens/objects

FMNH (Non-Insect) Invertebrates Collections



FMNH Mollusk Collection

World-wide in scope
Land, freshwater and marine

Collection strengths:

- Non-marine
- N. America
- Australia
- Pacific Islands
- S., Central America & Caribbean
- Marine
- S. Florida & adjacent areas
- Deep-sea habitats, such as hydrothermal vents, cold seeps and wood falls



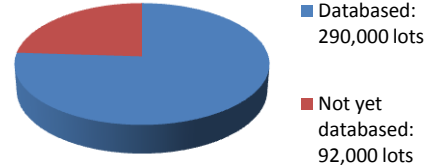
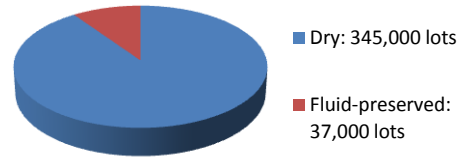
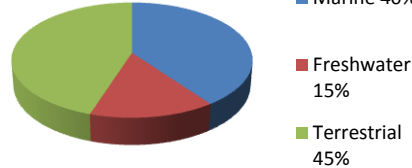
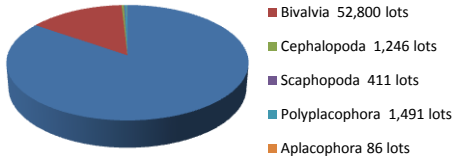
Fritz Haas



G. Alan Solem

FMNH's first Curator of "Lower Invertebrates" (1938-1958)
Expert for worldwide freshwater mussels, prolific researcher of land and freshwater gastropods

Assistant Curator (1956-1958) and Haas' successor as Invertebrates Curator (1959-1990)
Eminent Land snail authority focusing on faunas of Pacific Islands and Australia



57,000 records (15%) georeferenced

KE Emu Database



Searchable at: http://collections-zoology.fieldmuseum.org/list?f%5B0%5D=ss_CatCatalog%3A%22Invertebrate%20Zoology%22

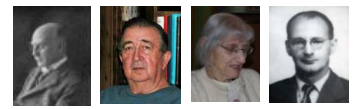
Types

- 450 holo-, lecto-, neotypes
- ca. 6,000 type lots total
- high-resolution images of holo-, lecto-, neotypes available on-line



Some notable collections deposited at FMNH

- University of Utah
- Oberlin College (includes material from E. Tappan, J. Gulick)
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History



Current Invertebrates staff



Rüdiger Bieler
Curator



Jochen Gerber
Collections Manager



Kalina Griffin-Jacymek
TCN Invertebrate Data Entry



Janeen Jones
Asst. Collections Manager



Martin Pyrdla
Collections Assistant



Janet Voight
Associate Curator



Dry collection



Wet collection



Cryogenic storage: currently 2,000 tissues