

Dear NOW Community,

happy New Year to all and happy NOW! Greetings from Finland where spring is coming rapidly and times are busy on the NOW factory floor.

One of the main news is that planning of the next NOW summit is on the way, tentatively it will be in Leiden in one to one-and-a half year from now. Follow the space, more info is coming towards the summer.

As NOW data curation is ongoing full speed, there are more data sources to check than hands in the NOW office. If you can spare time to contribute data checking and entry beyond your current curatorial duties, get in touch. In particular, there are at least two large scale recent publications that NOW needs to be cross-checked against and updated if needed – a new book on the Fossil vertebrates of Greece (vol 1) and a recent book of essays in honour of Prof. Louis L. Jacobs. Get in touch by replying to this e-mail if you can help with this. Also, if you know other recent large scale publications that are not reflected in NOW, let us know.

In other news, an update to the NOW user interface is on the way. This will update the way the data can be seen, queried and downloaded. This will not change the data structure or content, which is curated in an ongoing manner, the usual way of NOW.

A small scale testing of the new interface has already started. If you would like to test the new interface before it is released and give feedback, please get in touch with Kari Lintulaakso.

Last but not least, meanwhile two senior members and long term contributors to NOW joined the NOW Steering Group – Juha Saarinen (University of Helsinki) and Pasquale Raia (University of Naples) among other duties, to strengthen ecomorphology and analytical palaeobiology aspects in relation to the database. Welcome!

As always, if you have any suggestions, ideas, updates or complaints, please get in touch.

Be well,

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General Coordinator of NOW