

EDITOR BIOGRAPHIES

This section continues our series of biographical information about our Associate Editors that we began in the previous edition. In the last issue, I was unable to include a photo of Associate Editor Donald P. Wright, Jr. with his biography for the simple reason that I did not have one. Happily that situation has been corrected and I include his smiling visage herewith.

The Associate Editors continue a long tradition in *Biophilately* of providing research data and expert commentary on both philatelic matters and biological topics. Many of them are also authors of some of the checklists and handbooks published by the ATA. In fact, Don Wright informs me that he has just completed Volume IV of *Insects on Stamps of the World* (2003–12) and is readying it for delivery to the ATA for publication.



Don Wright

Charles E. Braun

[*Editor's note: Chuck Braun first joined the Biology Unit in 1968, but dropped out after about a dozen years. He re-joined the unit in 1985 and since 2000, has been our regular contributor to the "New Birds in the Philatelic Aviary" column.*]

Chuck was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He says he has lived a "Norman Rockwell" life. He received a degree in chemistry from the University of Buffalo. He spent his entire work career at the Savannah River Site nuclear reservation near Aiken, South Carolina. He built a house in the suburbs with a dog and a fenced in yard. He and his wife, Joyce, a stay-at-home mom, raised two children, a son and a daughter.

His main interest is birds. He is former President of the Aiken-Augusta Chapter of the National Audubon Society. He has birded in more than 60 countries and has seen almost two-thirds of all species. Thus, he collects birds on stamps (and coins). Besides collecting, he is an avid jazz fan and plays bridge and chess.



Chuck Braun

Hans-Peter Schultze

[*Editor's note: Dr. Hans-Peter Schultze has been the Associate Editor for Paleontology since 2007. He is a distinguished paleontologist who has worked and taught at prestigious institutions in the U.S. and Germany.*]

Hans-Peter Schultze was born on 13 August 1937, in Swinemünde, Germany (now Świnoujście, Poland). During World War II from 1940 until January 1945, he lived in Thorn, West Prussia (now Toruń, Poland). In February 1945, he and his family had to flee the fighting to live with his grandmother in Penzig, Silesia (now Pieńsk, Poland). A month later they continued their flight before the Russian Army to Berlin and then to Ermsleben at the Harz Mountains in central Germany where he lived in the Russian occupation zone until the fall of 1949.

His father, a medical doctor, was released from a camp in Denmark to the French occupation zone and in September 1949, Hans-Peter crossed the boundary between Russian and American occupation zones, continuing to Offenburg in the state of Baden, Germany in the French occupation zone to join him. He lived there until completing high school in March 1956.

In 1958, he received a *Vordiplom* (B.S.) in geology from the University of Freiburg. Between 1958 and 1959, he completed his mandatory German military service and in 1959, entered the University of Tübingen, Germany, where in 1962 he received a *Diplom* (M.S.) in geology and in 1965, a Ph.D. in paleontology.

Hans-Peter has worked as a research fellow with DFG (German Research Council) at the Riksmuseet in Stockholm, Sweden, and with DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) at the Field Museum in Chicago and the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. He served as Assistant Professor at the Geol.-Paläontol. Institut of the University of Göttingen and Universitätsdozent (Associate Professor) at the University of Göttingen, before moving to the United States in 1978.



Hans-Peter Schultze

From 1978 until 1981, he was Assistant Curator for the Museum of Natural History and Assistant Professor for Systematics and Ecology at the University of Kansas. In 1981, he was promoted to Associate Curator and Associate Professor and in 1981, became Curator-in-charge of the Division of Vertebrate Paleontology for the Museum. In 1987, he was promoted again to become Curator of the Museum of Natural History and Professor of Systematics and Ecology. Between 1988 and 1990, he served as Chairman of the Department of Systematics and Ecology at the University of Kansas.

In July 1994, Hans-Peter moved to former East Berlin, Germany, to rebuild the Department of Paleontology at the Humboldt Universität. From 1994 until 2004, he was Director of the Institut für Paläontologie at the Museum für Naturkunde in Berlin and Professor of Biologie at Humboldt-Universität. In 2000, he was named Director of the Museum für Naturkunde in Berlin. He retired from the museum in 2004 and since then has been working again at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum.

Hans-Peter started collecting stamps in the 1950s while in high school. His father presented him with an album, »KA-BE« Briefmarken-Album Jugend-Ausgabe Nr. 3a Europa und Übersee of 1937, which he had received from a colleague, because his collection was lost during the war-time movements. He started to collect stamps from the whole world and placed them in stamp albums, but did not continue to place them in the old album. His interest shifted to stamps from Germany only. He received the »KA-BE« Album Deutschland starting in 1933 as a present and continued to buy additional sheets up to 1961. Then he had to give up collecting for monetary reasons and lack of time. He collected what he could get in stamps from his own correspondence and that of relatives, but could rarely find the time to deal seriously with his collection. His profession and family took all of his time.

In the 1980s, dinosaur stamps began appearing in large numbers. That ignited a new interest, the collecting of stamps with fossils. In Berlin, he found a colleague with the same interest, and the friend connected him with a stamp shop, where he bought his stamps with fossils. They went together to stamp shows; and jointly published an article on fossil stamps (Schultze, H.-P. & Hampe, O. 2001. *Fossile Knochenfische in der Philatelie*. – Fossilien, Heft 4: 240-247 [in German]).

Hans-Peter is a member of the American Philatelic Society and his local Lawrence Stamp Club. He gave a presentation on fossil stamps (“Stamps on Fossils and Dinosaurs”) in 2009 to the Lawrence Stamp Club.

New stamp issues with fossils are becoming less frequent, and he has the collection nearly completed, thus he has changed his interest towards stamps with endangered species. That field is not so easy to limit, as there is a fluid transition from protected to extinct by human influence.

In addition to his philatelic collecting interests, Hans-Peter also has a large collection of scientific books concentrated on publication of fossil fish.

His wife, Gloria Arratia, is also an ichthyologist/paleoichthyologist. She publishes scientific papers and has started with an Internet presentation of stamps with freshwater fishes. Their daughter, Gloria Sturm, also collects stamps (general) and is member of the Lawrence Stamp Club. Their teen-aged granddaughter, Kelli, has great interest in stamps and is active in the stamp club as vice-president.