

# Presentation of An Online Invertebrate Zoology Site and An Invitation to Participate In its Continuing Development

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This past spring term, students in Bio 420 (Invertebrate Zoology) at Tennessee State University were involved in developing a public domain Invertebrate Zoology internet site. The purpose of this site is to house a cohesive, integrated, up-to-date, compendium of educational, research, and reference resources and links for the community of students, faculty, and researchers who work with invertebrate animals at undergraduate and graduate level institutions. One mission of the site is to provide a virtual reality introduction to invertebrates and their habitats in order to provide a deeper knowledge of these important animals and to stimulate an interest on the part of the reader to seek them out and observe them in their real life habitats. A second mission is to provide ready access to pre-reviewed, quality link sites which we will organize to allow quick retrieval of species identification lists according to animal group designation or according to geographic or habitat-type distribution. A third mission is to provide in depth, balanced coverage of concepts and research related to invertebrate evolution, classification, ecology, geographic distribution, biodiversity, conservation, toxicology, biotechnology, embryology, physiology, and biochemistry. This will be an ongoing exercise for students at TSU.

We invite your use of the site and participation in its development. You can view the site and see an online version of our 1998 ABLE conference mini-symposium at [www.tnstate.edu/biology/biology/invzooweb](http://www.tnstate.edu/biology/biology/invzooweb) We would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Please email us at [invzooweb@harpo.tnstate.edu](mailto:invzooweb@harpo.tnstate.edu).