

# Richard E. Petit, 1931-2013: A Brief Account of his Malacological Contributions

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**Abstract.** R.E. Petit, a life member of the South Carolina Academy of Sciences, died on 31 December 2013. His remarkable scientific achievements as a self-trained malacologist are summarized, including an extensive list of named Molluscan taxa, mostly in the Cancellariidae, and a bibliography of his malacological publications.

Richard Eugene “Dick” Petit, of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was a devoted conchologist who transformed his early shell-collecting interests into an avocational career in malacology and paleontology. An alumnus of Clemson University and veteran of the Korean conflict, Dick and his wife Liz moved in 1956 to North Myrtle Beach where he embarked on a career in the insurance and real estate business. Soon thereafter Dick and Liz began collecting shells from nearby fossil beds, and this led to his initial contacts with Katherine Van Winkle Palmer and Axel A. Olsson at the Paleontological Research Institute in Ithaca, New York. His malacological career was launched with the publication of “Some Neogene mollusca from Florida and the Carolinas” (Olsson & Petit, 1964), in which 20 new species and 3 new subspecies of Tertiary mollusks were described and two new subgenera were proposed.

I became acquainted personally with Dick soon after he purchased the shell and book inventory of John Q. Burch in 1965, and began to distribute sales lists of specimen shells, books, and malacological literature. Dick published four biennial editions (1966-1972) of the (*International Directory of Conchologists*, before selling his shell business to M.E. Young in Falls Church, Virginia. During that period he invited me to his home/office to peruse and choose from his extensive stock of specimen shells; and over the ensuing years I purchased a considerable body of literature from Dick’s serial lists of “Books and Papers on Malacology.” Soon after the appearance of List 11 (2002-2003), Dick sold his remaining stock of books to Christopher Garvie, but he retained his personal malacological library which was probably unequaled anywhere outside of a few major institutional libraries.

Dick was a Research Associate of PRI and the Smithsonian. He served on the Editorial Board of *The Nautilus*. In 1987 he was elected President of the American Malacological Union (AMU- now renamed American Malacological Society AMS); and he organized the 1988 AMU annual meeting in Charleston, SC. For years he served as a most effective and entertaining auctioneer at the annual AMU auctions to raise scholarship funds for students in malacology. His extensive knowledge of malacological literature, coupled with his quick wit, served quite well in this capacity.

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He became the recognized world authority on the gastropod family Cancellariidae, and named numerous species of fossil and Recent taxa (**Appendix 1**). He has also been honored by other malacologists who named molluscan species after him, including *Monostiolum petitii* Olsson, 1967; *Tropochasca petitii* Olson, 1967; *Striotorerebrum petitii* Olsson, 1967; *Cancellaria (Merica) petitii* Ladd, 1982; *Cancellaria richardpetiti* Petuch, 1987; *Africotriton petitii* Beu & Maxwell, 1987; *Malea petitii* Petuch, 1989; *Fenimorea petitii* Tippett, 1995; *Scabricola petitii* Poppe & Tagaro, 2006; and *Gergovia petitii* Barros & Lima, 2007. Dick was named an honorary life member of AMS, and in 2009 he received PRI’s prestigious Katherine Palmer Award for his contributions to paleontology. He was an active member of several scientific societies, and was a Life Member of the South Carolina Academy of Science.

Dick’s malacological publications number well over 100 (**Appendix II**), many co-authored with other prominent scientists in the field. In addition to the many descriptions of new taxa (**Appendix I**), Dick produced several authoritative biographical sketches and bibliographic collations of historical authors in malacology. He had superb analytical and editorial skills which he applied in his critiques and discussions of malacological works both old and new. Dick was a co-author (with Eugene Coan, and Alan Kabat) of the monumental work *2,400 Years of Malacology*, an online biographical and bibliographical resource for, and about, malacologists. In 2008, Dick started his own malacological journal *Conchological Ingrata* with print versions going to major libraries and pdf versions available online. Dick’s penultimate paper was published there on December 6 just 25 days before his death; that paper presents and discusses four rare plates illustrating molluscan species described previously by Röding (1798) but not published until the Noodt 1819 edition of Röding’s work. Such was Dick’s passion for taxonomic detail. In this regard it seems fitting to close with a quote (Taxacom online, 5/30/10) from Dick himself: “I never took a ‘Nomenclature/ Taxonomy 101’ course but I would think one of the first lessons would be: Both synonyms and homonyms come in two types, and one of two qualifiers is needed for each type. Synonyms are either objective or subjective, and are either junior or senior. Homonyms are either primary or secondary, and are either junior or senior. It is hard to imagine a simpler and more precise declaration than a statement that one name is a junior objective synonym of another name.”

In recent years Dick and Liz were regular visitors to the

annual shell shows of the North Carolina Shell Club in Wilmington (See Photo). He will be missed. I learned of Dick's passing on 31 December, 2013 while I was on a family visit in Oregon. Upon my return I found the newly arrived 30 December issue of *The Nautilus* containing a description of *Extractix dockeryi*, a new fossil Cancellariid (Harasewych and Petit, 2013). Considering his recent prolific publication record, it may be expected that additional works already in progress will be published posthumously by co-workers.



Dick Petit, discussing mollusk specimens on display at the North Carolina Shell Show, in Wilmington, NC September 28, 2013, while Donald Dan looks on.

## Appendix I. Taxa Introduced by R.E. Petit and Coauthors

Taxa are listed in chronological order of publication, and alphabetically by genus and species for each publication. Source publications can be found in Appendix II..

- Cancellaria rotunda floridana* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Cerithium (Cerithioclava) dalli* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Conus cherokus* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Conus presozoni* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Cymatium (Linatella) valentinei* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Cymatoica marcottae* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Emmonsella* Olsson and Petit, 1964 (subgenus)
- Hystrivasum* Olsson and Petit, 1964 (subgenus)
- Lima (Promantellum) florpacifica* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Morum (Oniscidia) obrieneae* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Nioche marcottae* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Olivella druidwilsoni* Olsson & Petit, 1964

- Panopea dockensis* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Periglypta tamiamensis* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Pterorhytis seminola* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Scaphella brennmortoni* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Siphonocypraea carolinensis hughesi* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Siphonocypraea carolinensis transitoria* Olsson & Petit, 1964 (two subspecies)
- Strombus williamsi* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Trigonostoma (Emmonsella) betsiae* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Trigonostoma (Emmonsella) elizabethae* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Trigonostoma (Emmonsella) helenae* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Trigonostoma druidi* Olsson and Petit, 1964
- Trochita floridana* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Typhis (Typhinellus) carolinensis* Olsson & Petit, 1964
- Thracia morrisoni* Petit, 1964
- Agatrix* Petit, 1967 (genus)
- Trigonostoma tampaensis* Petit, 1967
- Admetula deroyae* (Petit, 1970)
- Agatrix deroyae* Petit, 1970 ; = *Admetula deroyae* (Petit, 1970)
- Axellela vokesae* Petit, 1970
- Cancellaria africana* Petit, 1970
- Cancellaria darwini* Petit, 1970
- Massyla distinguenda* Petit, 1970
- Olssonella* Petit, 1970 ; = *Axelella* Petit, 1988 (genus)
- Zeadmete watsoni* Petit, 1970
- Nipponaphera habei* Petit, 1972
- Admetula garrardi* Petit, 1974
- Neadmete okutanii* Petit, 1974
- Trigonaphera amakusana* Petit, 1974
- Panarona* Petit, 1975 = *Narona* H. Adams & A. Adams, 1854 (genus)
- Admetula bayeri* Petit, 1976
- Admetula vossi* Petit, 1976
- Axelella panamica* Petit, 1976
- Axellela williamsi* Petit, 1976
- Cancellaria (Sveltia) gladiator* Petit, 1976
- Olsonella panamica* Petit, 1976; = *Axelella panamica* (Petit 1976)
- Trigonaphera withrowi* Petit, 1976; = *Trigonostoma scala* (Gmelin, 1791)
- Ventrilia sacellumi* Petit, 1976
- Trigonostoma (Ventrilia) senarium* Petit and Hoerle, 1976
- Fusiaphera eva* Petit, 1980; = *Mirandaphera tosaensis* (Habe, 1961)
- Cancellaria rosewateri* Petit, 1983
- Broccchinia clenchi* Petit, 1986
- Admetula atopodonta* (Petit & Harasewych, 1986)
- Cancellaria aquatica* Petit & Harasewych, 1986; = *Merica*
- Cancellaria atopodonta* Petit & Harasewych, 1986; = *Admetula*
- Cancellaria boucheti* Petit & Harasewych, 1986 ; = *Merica*
- Merica aquatica* (Petit & Harasewych, 1986)
- Merica boucheti* (Petit & Harasewych, 1986)
- Cancellaria (Merica) laddi* Petit, 1987
- Cancellaria quasilla* Petit, 1987; = *Nipponaphera quasilla* (Petit, 1987)
- Nipponaphera quasilla* (Petit, 1987)
- Trigonostoma thyshlon* Petit & Harasewych, 1987
- Axelella* Petit, 1988 (genus)
- Admetula zalayana* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Axelella emblema* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Cancellaria (Bivetilla) bajonensis* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Cancellaria (Bivetopsis) plectilis* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Cancellaria (Cancellaria) juncta* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Cancellaria (Hertleinia) miranda* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Cancellaria (Massyla) lopezana* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Cancellaria (Pyrucalia) uva* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Cancellaria (Sveltia) inquelinus* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Perplicina canae* Jung & Petit, 1990
- Axelella axiologa* Petit & Schmelz, 1991
- Axelella firma* Petit & Schmelz, 1991
- Trigonostoma nexum* Petit & Schmelz, 1991
- Trigonostoma proteus* Petit & Schmelz, 1991
- Trigonostoma ritteri* Petit & Schmelz, 1991
- Trigonostoma serilium* Petit & Schmelz, 1991
- Trigonostoma xiphion* Petit & Schmelz, 1991
- Admetula epula* Petit & Harasewych, 1991
- Cancellaria petuchi* Harasewych, Petit & Verhecken, 1992
- Tritonoharpa leali* Harasewych, Petit & Verhecken, 1992

*Mericella bozzettii* Petit & Harasewych, 1993  
*Axelexa yara* Landau & Petit, 1997  
*Cancellaria cantaiana* Landau & Petit, 1997  
*Cancellaria emilyvokesae* Landau & Petit, 1997  
*Cancellaria hodonae* Landau & Petit, 1997  
*Cancellaria jungi* Landau & Petit, 1997  
*Cancellaria (Euclia) laurettae* Petit & Harasewych, 1998  
*Admetula afra* Petit & Harasewych, 2000  
*Merica deynzeri* Petit & Harasewych, 2000  
*Merica ektyphos* Petit & Harasewych, 2000  
*Merica lussii* Petit & Harasewych, 2000  
*Nipponaphera wallacei* Petit & Harasewych, 2000  
*Trigonostoma kilburni* Petit & Harasewych, 2000  
*Zeadmete verheckeni* Petit & Harasewych, 2000  
*Goniocheila wilsoni* Saul & Petit, 2001  
*Africotriton adelphium* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Merica marisca* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Mirandaphera* Bouchet & Petit, 2002 (genus)  
*Mirandaphera cayrei* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Mirandaphera maestratii* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Nipponaphera cyphoma* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Nipponaphera goniata* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Nipponaphera pardalis* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Sveltia rocroii* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Sveltia splendidula* Bouchet & Petit, 2002  
*Trigonostoma mozambicense* Petit & Harasewych, 2002  
*Brocchinia gerdae* Janssen & Petit, 2003  
*Microcancilla jonasi* Barros & Petit, 2007  
*Cancellaria (Bivetiella) lugogonzalezorum* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2007  
*Cancellaria (Bivetopsis) herberti* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2007  
*Cancellaria (Cancellaria) capeloi* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2007  
*Cancellaria (Massyla) cubaguaensis* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2007  
*Gerdilla alvesi* Lima, Barros & Petit, 2007  
*Admetula affluens* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Admetula bathynoma* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Admetula emarginata* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Admetula lutea* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Admetula marshalli* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Nipponaphera agastor* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Nipponaphera argo* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Nipponaphera tuba* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Trigonostoma tryblium* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Zeadmete bathyomon* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Zeadmete bilix* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Zeadmete physomon* Bouchet & Petit, 2008  
*Zeadmete atlantica* Petit, L.D. Campbell & S.C. Campbell, 2010  
*Admete verenae* Harasewych & Petit, 2011  
*Neadmete ahoi* Harasewych & Petit, 2011  
*Sveltia yoyottei* Petit & Harasewych, 2011  
*Admetula valientensis* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Agatrix agathea* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Aphera aphrodite* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Aphera trophis* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Axelexa cativa* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Bivetiella dilatata* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Cancellaria axelolssonii* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Cancellaria harzhauseri* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Cancellaria isabelae* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Cancellaria mixta* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Cancellaria pilula* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Cancellaria stri* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Euclia alacertata* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Massyla corpulenta* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Massyla toulai* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Pyruclia tweedledee* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Pyruclia tweedleum* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Ventrilia coatesi* Landau, Petit & daSilva, 2012  
*Extractrix dockery* Harasewych & Petit, 2013

## Appendix II. Malacological Publications of Richard E. Petit— Listed in approximate chronological sequence

- Olsson, A.A. and **Petit, R.E.**, 1964. Some Neogene mollusca from Florida and the Carolinas. *Bulletins of American Paleontology* 47(217):509-575.  
**Petit R.E.**, 1964. A new *Thracia* from North Carolina. *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*, 77: 157-160.  
**Petit, R. E.**, 1967. Notes on Cancellariidae (Mollusca: Gastropoda). *Tulane Studies in Geology and Paleontology* 5: 217-219.  
Olsson, A.A. and **Petit, R.E.**, 1968. Notes on *Siphocypraea*. *Bulletins of American Paleontology* 54(242): 280-289, 1 plate.  
**Petit, R.E.**, 1966, 1968. Directory of Conchologists. 40pp; Revised & updated as International Directory of Conchologists 1970 (40 pp) & 1972 (37 pp). Privately Published, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.  
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**Petit, R.E.**, 1975. The cancellariid genera *Narona* H. & A. Adams and *Panarona* gen. nov. *The Veliger* 17(4): 387-388.  
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Harasewych, M. G. and **Petit, R.E.**, 1984. Notes on the morphology of *Olssonella smithii* (Gastropoda: Cancellariidae). *The Nautilus* 98(1): 37-44.  
**Petit, R. E.**, 1984. Some early names in Cancellariidae. *American Malacological Bulletin* 2: 57-61.  
**Petit, R. E.**, 1984. An earlier name for *Nassarius corpulentus* (C. B. Adams, 1852). *The Veliger* 26(4): 330.  
**Petit, R. E.**, 1985. The trivalved mollusk. *Shells and Sea Life* 17(4): 132-133.  
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Harasewych, M.G. and **Petit, R.E.** 1986. Notes on the morphology of *Admete viridula* (Gastropoda: Cancellariidae). *The Nautilus* 100(3): 85-91.  
**Petit, R. E.** and Wilson, D., 1986. Publication dates of Heilprin's Explorations of the West Coast of Florida. *Tulane Studies in Geology and Paleontology* 19(2): 95-96.  
**Petit, R.E.** and Harasewych, M.G., 1986. New Philippine Cancellariidae (Gastropoda: Cancellariaceae), with notes on the fine structure and function of the nematoglossan radula. *The Veliger* 28(4): 436-443.  
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