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The fifth Forum Herbulot 2008 in Munich focused on modern tools and techniques to make global biodiversity of Geometridae accessible in web-based databases such as on innovative strategies and worldwide campaigns to introduce molecular data into geometrid taxonomy, phylogenetics and biogeography. In twenty-six lectures and one poster new studies and results from geometrid moth research were presented based on a wide range of different techniques. Extensive discussions helped to put these studies into a common context, and to plan integrative approaches and cooperations in the future.

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Short Report and Results

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1. The fifth FORUM HERBULOT (see www.herbulot.de) started with a celebration of the centenary of Claude Herbulot's birthday. A short video sequence, taken from Herbulot's speech at the ZSM in 2000, was presented. The chairman pointed out briefly CH's merits in geometrid research which, surprisingly at that time, already comprised even elements of "global strategies for plotting geometrid biodiversity in web-based databases". Philippe Darge then highlighted the personality, life, and scientific achievements of his late friend CH in a touching personal manner, and welcomed the presence of Mme. Colette Herbulot.

The participants expressed their high esteem of scientific achievements of the late eponymous patron of the Forum. The research initiative FORUM HERBULOT was, once again, generally welcomed and the need for, and the advantages of, close scientific cooperation among geometrid experts were stressed.

2. The seminar session dealt with promising possibilities and new strategies for modern systematic research. The four sections were chaired by Malcolm Scoble, Paul Hebert, Cathy Young, and Axel Hausmann.