



# DOTTS – NEWSLETTER

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Dear colleagues,

As you probably have assumed this issue will mainly cover the DOTTS meeting and the DOTTS Session, which both took place during the SETAC-Europe Annual Conference in Prague (April 19 and April 21, 2004). In order to give all of you a detailed picture what happened in these two events, in addition to the minutes a copy of the group presentation is attached to this Newsletter. Unfortunately, due to their size, it was not possible to attach the five talks of the session too. They will be put on the DOTTS homepage as soon as SETAC has provided the information how to link our page to their main page.

Generally speaking, both meetings were very interesting and successful. One indicator is that we could attract several new members for DOTTS (some of them are also interested to join the ringtests). While the internal meeting was dominated by the on-going ringtests, the session gave not only a good overview on the activities of our group but also on the legal background of dung organism testing. So, a big “Thank you” to all participants and presenters in the meetings!

In addition, please find also an actualised list of members. Finally, if there is still somebody who doubts the importance of dung organisms, should have a look on one of the latest issues of Nature (see attached file: Nature-428456.pdf). Some dung beetles are shown in order to illustrate the ecological and economical importance of invertebrates ...

Best regards,  
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