

Jason Dunlop

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I studied zoology at the University of Leeds followed by a PhD in Earth sciences at the University of Manchester, both in the UK. Following a further three years of postdoctoral study at Manchester, I moved to Germany in 1997 and since then I have been curator of arachnids, myriapods and stem-group arthropods at the Museum für Naturkunde Berlin.

My main research interests are fossil arachnids and their significance for understanding arachnid evolution, as well as comparative anatomy and systematics. I have published more than 290 academic studies. Research highlights include discovery of the oldest harvestmen from the Devonian, several studies of Carboniferous spiders and other spider-like arachnids, and work on the bizarre tailed spiders in Cretaceous amber. I co-authored the 2012 book "Fossil arachnids" and have contributed several chapters to other books on arachnology and arthropod evolution.

I have been a council member of the European Society of Arachnology since 2000, where I have also served as Vice-President. Since 2016 I have acted as Membership Secretary where I am responsible for maintaining records of membership and updating the members' database. Since 2001 I have also been Secretary of the International Society where I am again responsible for membership records and internal communication. I am a regular reviewer of manuscripts, and also act as language editor for the *Arachnologische Mitteilungen* journal of the German-speaking society.

I regard both the European and International societies as important forums for encouraging academic exchange between colleagues from different countries and for providing routes into arachnology for young researchers from countries without a strong tradition of arachnological research.