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# 1. Career and training

2014 to date: Professor of Marine Zoology, University of Portsmouth, Band 2 Professor since 2017

2009 to 2014: Reader in Zoology, University of Portsmouth

1997 to 2009: Principal Lecturer, University of Portsmouth

1990 to 1996: Principal Lecturer, Reader then Professor of Wood Science,
Buckinghamshire College

1986 to 1990: Research Fellow, University of Portsmouth

1977 to 1985: Scientific Officer Class 2, 3 then 5, becoming Officer in Charge and Assistant Secretary (Utilisation), Department of Forests, Papua New Guinea

1972 to 1976: SRC studentship in NERC Unit of Marine Invertebrate Biology, Marine Science Laboratories, University of Wales, Bangor, PhD awarded 1976

1969 to 1972: BSc (Hons) Zoology with Marine Zoology, Bangor 1972

#### 2. Research

I am an invertebrate zoologist specialising in wood-boring bivalves and crustaceans, focusing on their unusual wood digestion processes, on the role of larvae in their life history strategies, on their role in carbon fluxes in mangrove ecosystems and on methods of controlling them.

### **2.1.** Development of research interests

From a sound background in marine biology obtained in the Menai Bridge Marine Laboratories, Anglesey, UK, under strong intellectual leaderships of two fellows of the Royal Society – professors Crisp and Fogg, I developed an enduring interest in the larvae of marine bivalves, which generated papers that continue to be cited. I then took up a position as a scientific civil servant in Papua New Guinea, initially working on wood boring bivalves, but broadening my research into mangrove forests where I found that the borers were acting as ecosystem engineers, an idea that I was able to follow up much later through my research students at Portsmouth. This position also introduced me to wood science, which has guided my current focus on wood degradation for biofuels. My borer research benefitted from mentoring by Ruth Turner of Harvard University, a pioneer in the field. I became involved in the activities of the International Research Group on Wood

Protection (IRG-WP), through which I interacted with and was funded by commercial interests in wood protection. This gave me a well-developed perspective on the major economic losses caused by borers. I also noted increasing concerns about the impact of wood protection methods on the marine environment, which I addressed by winning funding and coordinating a six institution collaborative EU project that assessed these environmental impacts.

### 2.2. Recent and ongoing research

Currently I focus on the digestion process in marine wood borers, viewing it as a source of enzymes and other wood break down mechanisms that can be exploited in the generation of biofuels from waste materials. Initially, with an excellent PhD student, I substantially extended the understanding of the anatomy of the digestive tract of the crustacean wood-borer *Limnoria* then, with the help of Leverhulme funding, sequenced the first cellulose-degrading enzyme to be reported for this animal. To exploit this discovery, I followed up an enquiry from the University of York and proposed that together we focused on *Limnoria* as our experimental organism. The resulting research was funded by BBSRC, allowing me to build a team with a sufficient range of expertise to tackle our multidisciplinary project. The team consisted of two academics with complementary expertise (Guille, McGeehan), a postdoctoral fellow, a technician and up to five postgraduate researchers. Together with the team at York, we revealed a rich, novel, digestive-enzyme suite and, crucially through the expertise of Matt Guille, demonstrated that the animal itself generates the enzymes. This was published in a joint paper in PNAS (King et al., 2010).

One of these enzymes from glycosyl hydrolase family 7 (GH7) was produced in collaboration with a commercial partner, Novozymes. To respond to the opportunity presented by the availability of the protein, I made a major modification to the Portsmouth work programme which was implemented thanks to the expertise of John McGeehan. The Portsmouth team crystallized and then resolved the high resolution structure of the protein using the Diamond Light Facility. With additional modeling expertise from the USA National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL), we discovered highly unusual and useful properties of this enzyme which were published in a second PNAS paper (Kern et al. 2013). The interest of NREL in our experimental animal prompted me to intensive efforts to progress with the Limnoria genome. Support from the University Research Development Fund enabled me to leverage funding for genome sequencing from NREL and to obtain crucial bioinformatics support from The Genome Analysis Centre (TGAC) and thus set up the Limnoria Genome Project. Much of the genome has now been sequenced and a first output from this study has been to define the mitochondrial genome of Limnoria (Lloyd et al., 2015) which gives a valuable key to the phylogenetic position of the Limnoriidae which are an isolated group within the Isopoda.

I have used our insights into digestive system function in this major pest to inform our investigations of non-biocidal, environmentally-benign methods of controlling borers. We are applying high-sensitivity screening tests developed at Portsmouth (Borges et al., 2008, 2009), which have radically reduced the time required to generate results. Through a network of contacts we have assessed borer activity around the world (Cragg et al., 2009; Cookson et al., 2012) and developed predictions for changes in the level of borer hazard

(Borges et al., 2014). This work has detected the invasion of a Caribbean wood-boring bivalve into the eastern Mediterranean (Shipway et al., 2014).

### 3. Publications

### 3.1. Refereed articles

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Mangrove Conservation, IUCN/Zoological Society of London (2013)

Lignocellulose Degradation Mechanisms, Linnean Society (2013)

Molluscan Life Histories, Malacological Society of London (2012)

Annual Meeting, Society of Electron Microscope Technology (2011)

Mangrove Biodiversity, Zoological Society of London (2011)

Annual Meeting, International Research Group on Wood Protection (2010)

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# 4. Research Funding

### 4.1. External sources

About £2.4M of external research funding (listed below) awarded to date. Funds were awarded as PI or research student supervisor, except for the grants from H2020, E3, EU Interreg, the Darwin Initiative and Welcome Environmental Health, which were lead respectively by Prof John McGeehan, Prof Pierre Failler, Prof. Darek Gorecki, Dr. Prem Wattage and Dr. Rod Eaton. SMC was Co PI and report writer for the Leverhulme and Rohm & Haas grants.

FUNDING SOURCE	£K	DATES	TOPIC
NERC Capital	955.4	2021	Tandem LA-LIB laser ablation analysis
NERC/NRF Singapore	700/720	2020-23	Plastic reduction in SE Asian seas
EU H2020	858.8	2020-24	Marine coastal ecosystems biodiversity and services
E3 UKRI with UoP match funding	12,000.0	2019-24	Centre for Enzyme Innovation
<b>BBSRC Business Interaction Voucher</b>	8.3	2018	Scoping study for horse bedding valorisation
Research Council of Norway	41.6	2017-20	Evaluation of innovations in furfurylation for marine use
BBSRC	94.9	2014-18	Characterising new lignocellulose mobilising proteins
BBSRC	715.0	2014-19	Marine borer mechanisms of lignocellulose digestion
Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt	3.3	2014-15	Geotextiles as an antiborer protection
NREL USA	16.4	2013	Sequencing of gribble genome
Research Council of Norway	74.0	2013-15	Furfuryl alcohol treatment of wood for marine use
Malacological Society	3.3	2012	Conference: Life History Strategies of Mollusca
Mary Rose Trust	5.0	2012-13	Monitoring borer attack and public engagement
BBSRC	38.1	2011-13	USA partnering: lignocellulose degradation mechanisms
Kebony ASA, Norway	2.7	2011	Evaluation of furfurylated wood
Operation Wallacea	6.9	2010-15	Sympatry in fiddler crabs
Malacological Society	1.5	2010	Mediterranean biogeography of marine wood borers
EU Interreg	27.0	2009-11	Regional high level microscopy facilities
BBSRC	549.7	2009-13	Enzyme discovery in Limnoria for biofuel generation
Environment Agency	7.5	2007-8	Alternatives to greenheart in waterside construction

Greenwich University	2.0	2007-9	Larval biology of the Manila clam
Guyana Forestry Dept. + TRADA	5.5	2007-8	Resistance of new Guyanan timbers to Limnoria
Amaethon	50.0	2007	Marine borer cellulases
Royal Society	3.5	2007	Turkish wood borers
Operation Wallacea	0.5	2007	Mangrove ecosystem characteristics in Wakatobi
Friends of Langstone Harbour	0.5	2006-7	Manila clam potential in Langstone Harbour
Nippon Paints	5.5	2005	Toxicity of paint to larval barnacles
Malacological Society	1.0	2005-6	Bivalve larval sense organs
Leverhulme Foundation	110.0	2005-8	Mechanisms of Limnoria cellulase expression
Fundacao Ciencias e Technologias	12.0	2004-5	European marine borer biogeography
Mary Rose Trust	1.2	2004	Taxonomy of borers at archaeological sites
<b>Building Research Establishment</b>	0.5	2004	A new methods of wood protection for the sea
University of French Polynesia	6.2	2003-4	Taxonomy of Pacific coralline algae
Malacological Soc.	0.5	2003	Larval bivalve sense organs
TRADA	6.2	2002-4	Marine durability of tropical hardwoods
EU Marie Curie	9.4	2002-3	Performance of modified wood in seawater
Int. Biodeterioration Soc	0.2	2002	Epibiota of wood borers
SE Hants IoW Educational Trust	0.9	2002	Anatomy of larval bivalves
DfID Darwin Initiative	147.0	2000-1	Biodiversity in Sri Lankan mangroves
Rohm & Haas Inc.	33.0	1997-2000	Testing of treatments for marine wood protection
British Council/ Athens Univ.	1.5	1997-9	Wood protection methods for aquaculture
COST	0.3	1997	Environmental impact of preservatives
EU MAST Programme	330.0	1995-7	Impact of wood preservatives in the sea
HEFCE	30.0	1995-8	2 ORS studentships
British Council	0.8	1995	Marine wood borers and microorganisms
CSI Laporte Inc. (USA)	5.0	1993-7	Marine wood preservative efficacy and impact
Polytech & Coll Funding Council	18.0	1992-4	Wood borers, wood and micro organisms
Wellcome Environmental Health	30.0	1986-9	Marine wood borer biology and testing
FAO	8.0	1982	Mangrove ecosystem characteristics in PNG
Commonwealth Fund for Tech. Coop.	5.0	1982	Tolerance of preservatives by the borer Sphaeroma
Natl. Pub. Expenditure Plan (PNG)	2.0	1980	Environmental impact of logging on coastal resources
Natl. Pub. Expenditure Plan (PNG)	2.0	1979	Impacts of the Purari River Project on mangroves

# 4.2. In-kind support

The output from grant income above has recently been greatly enhanced through access to national facilities representing tens of thousands of pounds worth of in-kind contributions. This has been achieved in close collaboration with Dr. John McGeehan.

FUNDING SOURCE	DATES	TOPIC
Life Sciences Mass Spec Facilities	2017-8	Stable isotope signatures of marine wood borers
Diamond	2016-8	Diffraction of native ferritin and haemocyanin
TGAC	2013	Assembly of gribble genome
National Renewable Energy Lab, USA	2012-3	Chimeric enzymes
		Supercomputer access for molecular simulation
OPPF	2012	Novel approaches to Limnoria protein expression
Diamond	2012	High resolution solution of GH7 protein structure

# 4.3. Internally-handled funds

I have accessed institutionally-managed funds to support new research initiatives and to build up research infrastructure. This has transformed the Electron Microscope Unit (King Henry Building) into an up-to-date facility with capabilities that support researchers from across the Faculty of Science and also in Technology, using refurbishment initiatives, and funds supporting infrastructure (SRIF, RCIF) and knowledge transfer (HEIF). Pump-priming funds have been used to generate initial findings (internal funding mechanisms plus HEIF), while RDF funds have been used to leverage external in-kind support.

FUNDING SOURCE	£K	DATES	TOPIC
Impact development fund	1.5	2019	Participation in working group for standard EN275
RDF	75.0	2016	Ultratome and critical point drier for electron microscopy
Template H	24.5	2014-5	Transcriptomics for UoA 7
Template H	25.0	2014-5	Protein expression system capability (PI J. McGeehan)
RDF	24.5	2012-3	Gribble Genome Project
RCIF	14.0	2011	Maintenance contract for electron microscopes
IBBS Pump Priming	5.0	2011	Demonstration of epigenetics potential of Limnoria
HEIF 4	10.4	2011	Enhancing analytical potential of EM Unit
HEIF 4	6.5	2009	X-ray microanalysis and mapping for SEM
HEIF 4	4.1	2008	Evaluation of potential of borer assay
SRIF	36.0	2003	Replacements for electron microscopes
RAE Bursary	27.5	2001-4	Digestion in <i>Limnoria</i>
Buckinghamshire College	49.5	1993-8	Three studentships on marine borers and wood preservatives

# 5. Research training and supervision

### 5.1. Research degree supervision

### Director of studies, completed

Laura Michie	PhD pt 2010-2017 Fiddler crab sympatry in Indonesia
Ali Ebrahim	MPhil pt 2014-2017 The GH7 enzyme of <i>Daphnia</i>
Matt Harris	PhD pt 2006- 2016 after revisions The Manila clam in the Solent
Melanie Crockett	MPhil pt 2010- 2014 Wood borers of Barbados
Reuben Shipway	PhD pt 2009-2014 Shipworm life histories
Amaia Green Etxabe	PhD pt 2008-2013 Wood digestion by the amphipod Chelura
Ian Hendy	PhD pt 2006- 2012 Wood borers affect mangrove diversity.
Graham Malyon	PhD pt 2008- 2011 Effects of substrate on Limnoria feeding
Sam Stanton	PhD pt 2002-2010 Swimming and feeding of bivalve larvae
Mark Somerset	PhD pt 1999-2009 (suspended two years) Triazine and bivalves
Luisa Borges	PhD pt 2000-2007 Wood borer biogeography and laboratory testing
Chloe Delgery	MPhil pt 2002-2005 Epibiota of Limnoria
Jo Dymond	PhD ft 2001-2005 Digestive enzymes of <i>Limnoria</i>
Alan Rizzo	PhD pt 1999- 2004 (taken over from S. Moss) Gut flora of fly larvae
Elke Reufels	MPhil pt 2001-2004 Plankton of Langstone Harbour

Angelika Praël PhD ft then pt 1998-2003 Evaluation of marine wood preservatives

Claire Tupper PhD ft 1995-1999 *Limnoria* digestion

Suzanne Henderson PhD ft 1994-1998 Wood location behaviour of Limnoria

Ruth Albuquerque PhD ft 1993-1998 Effects of pollution from CCA treated timbers

Plus twelve completed PhD and three MRes second supervisions

### **Director of studies ongoing**

Richard Nembhard PhD pt 2013- Wood degradation in Honduras mangroves
Elea Giraud PhD ft 2018- Nudibranch-cnidarian trophic relationships
Lucy Martin MPhil ft 2019- Evaluating novel anti borer treatments
Ewan Tregarot PhD by publication 2020 Mangrove ecosystem valuation

Plus three PhD second supervisions and one MPhil second supervision

### 5.2. Postdoctoral supervision

Andrew Pitman 1995-97 *Limnoria* feeding and digestion

Jo Dymond 2004-07 *Limnoria* enzyme expression and gut function Simon Streeter 2009-13 Marine borer enzymes for biotechnology

Graham Malyon 2011-13 Wood chemistry modification and (joint with Dr Tim

Hebbes) epigenetics of Limnoria

Ian Hendy 2014-15 Ecological projects including mangrove carbon fluxes

Lourdes Cruz Garcia 2014-15 Borer husbandry and molecular biology

Amaia Green Etxabe 2014-16 Bioinformatics of wood digestion
Chenyi Wu 2014-19 Bioprospecting among borer enzymes
Elizabeth Clutton 2017-19 Borer husbandry and molecular biology

Laura Michie 2018-20 Enzyme prospecting

### 6. Research Degree Examination

External examiner for research degrees at:

Cadiz, 2017 (x2)

Pondicherry University 2016/17 Gothenburg University 2015

Institute of Food Research/ University of East Anglia 2014

James Cook University 2013

Kingston 2012

Southampton 2012 Oxford University 2010 University of Surrey 2008

University of Abertay (x2) 2002, 2008

**Brunel University 2007** 

Imperial College (x2) 2002, 2004 University of the Algarve 1998 University of Wales, Bangor 1998

and internal examiner fourteen times at Portsmouth and four times under Brunel University regulations (Buckinghamshire College)

# 7. Research leadership

• Team leadership: currently Col and Board Member for the Centre of Enzyme Innovation (£12M over five years, 21 PIs, postdocs and research technicians plus associated PhD students); coordinated the research of staff (McGeehan, Guille, Hebbes, Lloyd) and associated postdocs and postgraduates in marine borer enzyme discovery programme with University of York and NREL, USA (Leverhulme, BBSRC, sLoLa, USA partnering) and the gribble genome project; built up a research team of four academic staff and six research students at Buckinghamshire College (1990-1996); lead a team of ten scientific civil servants at the Forest Products Research Centre in Port Moresby (1984-5).

### Research collaboration and coordination:

- Lead for microSEAP UK/Singapore project involving 30 researchers (2020-23)
- Member of cross-faculty Electron Microscopy and Microanalysis Unit (2020 onwards)
- Member of Board for the Centre for Enzyme Innovation, University of Portsmouth (E3, Southern LEP and University of Portsmouth funding >£12M (2019 onwards)
- Member of Mangrove Specialist Group for International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (2013 onward)
- Member of management board for BSBEC (BBSRC Bioenergy Centre) (2009 2019)
- Led collaboration with Centre for Novel Agricultural Products, University of York (2007 2019)
- co-ordinator for European Union MAST research project involving six partners from five countries (1995-7)
- chair of Papua New Guinea National Mangrove Committee (1983-1985);
   member of Asia/ Pacific Task Force on Mangroves (UNESCO/UNDP Regional Project) (1983-1985).

### Organization of scientific meetings:

- coordinator, Lignocellulose Degradation Mechanisms from Across the Tree of Life at Linnean Society (2013)
- coordinator for *Molluscan Life Histories* for Malacological Society (2012)
- member of planning committee for 33rd meeting of International Research Group on Wood Preservation, Cardiff (2002)
- director of Workshop on Mangrove Ecosystem Dynamics (UNESCO/UNDP Regional Project RAS/79/002) (1985).

### 8. Consultancies

I use consultancies as a means of supporting my self-funded research students and also research facilities.

- Potential of heat modified wood for marine use (2011) for Kebony AS (Norway)
- Resistance of Guyana timbers to Limnoria (2007-8) with TRADA for Guyana Forestry Commission

- Alternatives for greenheart and ekki in marine construction (2007-8) with TRADA, for Environment Agency
- Aquaculture potential for Langstone Harbour (2006) with Business School, for SEEDA
- Antifouling efficacy of new paint formulations (2005) for Nippon Paints
- Evaluation of treated sycamore for use in the sea (2005-6) for Building Research Establishment
- Evaluation of durable timbers for marine construction ( (2002-4) for Timber Research and Development Association, UK
- Assessment of the status of Rye Admiralty Jetty (1997) for Environment Agency
- Evaluation of ekki as a timber for maritime construction (1995) for Wijma Hout (Netherlands)
- Establishment and monitoring of test of marine wood preservatives at a number of sites (1993-2000) for CSI Laporte (USA)
- Preparation of teaching material on timber preservation for technicians in southern Africa for Timber Research and Development Association (1991)
- Assessment of forest products education in the Philippines on behalf of Drew Management & Consultancy Services for ASEAN Timber Technology Centre (Oct/Nov 1991)
- Preparation of material for trial of termiticides for Wellcome Foundation (1988)
- Biodeterioration of Madang Wharf: Damage Assessment and Remedial Measures (1984-1985) for Papua New Guinea Harbours Board
- Environmental impact of a log-loading wharf on Umboit Island (1983) for Office of Environment and Conservation (Papua New Guinea)
- Ecology of the Mangrove Ecosystem of Purari Delta (1982) for Office of Environment and Conservation (Papua New Guinea)

### 9. Past and Current Roles in University of Portsmouth

- Teaching for the following units in which at all levels, but particularly at levels 6
  and 7, a research perspective is forefronted, wherever possible based on direct
  experience:
  - L4 Biodiversity & Evolution, Laboratory Skills and Marine & Terrestrial Ecosystems;
  - L5 Animal Science, Marine Organisms & Ecosystems, and Community Ecology & Residential Field Course
  - L6 Coastal Ecosystems, Applied Marine Biology, Marine Ecophysiology, Aquatic Microbiology
  - L7 Ecosystem Function and Management
- Course Leader for BSc Marine Biology (50-60 intake per year)
- Unit Leader L6 Unit Coastal Ecosystems
- Mentor for three new members of staff

- Manager of the Electron Microscope Unit in the King Henry Building, which
  operates as a cross-Faculty and external user facility with a significant outreach
  and marketing function.
- Member of Peer Review College
- Developer of an Impact Case Study for the REF

# 10. Professional activities and recognition

### Public engagement:

- schools activities from day sessions at a local primary school to hosting A-level activities (e.g. the Think Smaller programme) at the Electron Microscope Unit
- Café Scientifique sessions in Portsmouth and Bath
- media engagement through press releases timed with key publications, radio and TV interviews, web-based news items on key discoveries and their implications.
- Service on editorial boards: Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology (2006 2017), J Molluscan Studies (2007 present), Wood Material Science and Engineering (2006 present), J Shellfish Res (1995 present), International Wood Products Journal (2010- ) and Papua New Guinea Journal of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (1983-1985).
- Refereeing for scientific journals (ten or more manuscripts per year): Journal of
  Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology, Sarsia, Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science,
  Journal of the Marine Biological Association, Marine Biology, Advances in Marine
  Biology, Sciencias Mariñas, Journal of Shellfish Research, Journal of Molluscan Studies,
  Raffles Bulletin, Journal of World Mariculture, Holzforschung, Journal of the Institute of
  Wood Science, Journal of Wood Protection, Scottish Forester, Enzyme & Microbial
  Technology, Environmental Science and Technology, Pest Management Science,
  Talanta, Journal of Archaeological Science.
- Refereeing for grant awarding organisations: US National Science Foundation (2013), BBSRC (2010 and 2011), USA Binational Science Foundation (2010), Prime Minister's Initiative (British Council) (2008); Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) (2007); Earthwatch (2007); Malacological Society of London (annually 2007-present), Danish Council for Development Research (2003), Sea Grant (US) (2001).
- **Recognition by learned societies:** Elected Fellow of the Institute of Wood Science (FIWSc) in 1993, Elected Fellow of the Linnean Society (FLS) in 2000.
- Officer for scientific societies: Vice President Malacological Society of London (2012 to 2015) and councillor, (1990-1993, 2004-); coordinator for Working Party 1.7 Marine Borers and chairman of Working Group IV-Marine Preservation, International Research Group on Wood Preservation (1983-2010).