IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

From the first issue of 2009, *Molluscan Research* will be jointly published by the Malacological Society of Australasia and the Society for the Study of Molluscan Diversity (formally The Malacozoological Association of Yamaguchi which published the journal *Yuriyagai*). The *Yuriyagai* will cease production this year with Volume 10, numbers 1&2. The Society for the Study of Molluscan Diversity will also publish a Japanese journal/newsletter *Molluscan Diversity* which will include Japanese abstracts of selected papers in *Molluscan Research*.

A subscription to Molluscan Research will be included in the membership of both societies.

At least three new Associate Editors from the Society for the Study of Molluscan Diversity will be included in the editorial team of Molluscan Research from next year.

This is an exciting development as it represents, to our knowledge, the first joint publishing effort of a malacological journal by two societies.