

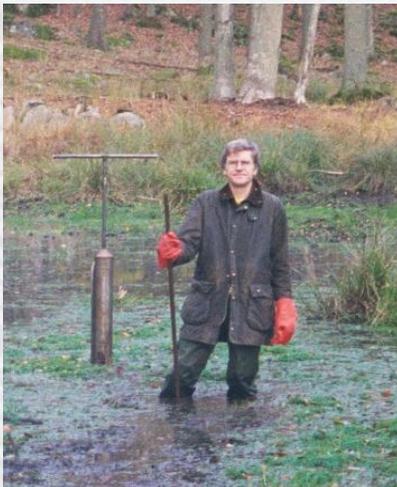


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I am running for the chairperson of the EPD to bring in a new, open style of management that will involve more scientists in the database and make it into a working platform and showcase for European palynology.

My vision for the EPD is:-

- to facilitate infrastructure to expand the database and develop resources and interpretative tools that are available to all through the website.
- to see pollen data used in conjunction with other stratigraphic data for all regions of the world and support participation of the EPD in the multiproxy global palaeoecological database NEOTOMA (<http://www.neotomadb.org>).
- to support collaboration and data exchange with PANGEA as this will strengthen the database and create a stable data repository for the EPD.
- to obtain funding to support EPD activities and to organise events and training workshops to increase EPD visibility and draw more graduate students, postdocs and tenured scientists into the EPD community.
- to keep the EPD involved in European and regional research projects .
- to support a more 'transparent' submission process, whereby submitters can follow the progress of sites.



EPD experience

I represented Ireland at the 1989 EPD workshop in Sweden and was invited to join the Advisory Board in 2000, at which time I held Iversen's former position in Denmark. I helped fund and organise EPD meetings and activities during 2006-8 and am pleased with the establishment of the support groups. Even though I have experience of the old EPD structure, I am in favour of a new approach and organisation for the EPD.

Biographical sketch

I have worked with pollen since seeing my first magnified pollen grain at university in 1977. I now count less pollen than I used to, but my major data-gathering interests are still in small forest hollows that reveal local forest dynamics. I have led and been a partner in several national and European funded projects that have used palynology to address research questions concerning climate change, forest management and conservation. I have held palynological positions in the UK, USA, Ireland, Denmark and Sweden. In current projects my group is extracting ancient DNA from forest hollows and exploring European charcoal-pollen relationships.