

CFDC Welcomes Dr. Michael Newbrey as Adjunct Curator of Fossil Fishes ADDITION BROADENS CENTRE'S RESEARCH AND EXPERTISE

PRESS BULLETIN – AUG. 17, 2015; MORDEN MB.// The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is pleased to welcome renowned palaeoichthyologist (study of fossil fishes), Dr. Michael Newbrey to the team.

“Dr. Newbrey joins our palaeontologist, Victoria Markstrom, as part of our growing pool of experts in the area of marine palaeontology and he brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm,” said executive director Peter Cantelon. “We are particularly grateful for his knowledge of sharks and bony fishes.”

“The CFDC contains many interesting fish fossils that have been just 'waiting' to be showcased to science and the public,” said Dr. Newbrey. “I could spend years describing material that has been housed in CFDC collections. Moreover, Manitoba's fossil fish resources are virtually untouched with regard to their study. It is logical to partner with the CFDC to bring these wonderful, marine, palaeo-resources to light.”

The new role was the result of a creative collaboration between the CFDC and Dr. Newbrey that will see him continue his work as part of the Biology faculty at Columbus State University in Georgia while collaboratively functioning as curator at the CFDC to showcase and expand the collection with an active research program.

Prior to joining the CFDC, Dr. Newbrey spent six years at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology where he held the post of Betsy Nicholls Postdoctoral Fellow. He has authored and co-authored numerous scholarly articles and was interviewed by the well-respected CBC science program Quirks and Quarks.

Dr. Newbrey will be the keynote speaker at the CFDC's biennial Manitoba Palaeontology Symposium in late September where he will talk about 100 million year old sharks from Poland and why folks in Manitoba should be interested in them.

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