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Dear Dr Vicente,

I noted in the recent *Annuaire Mondial des Myriapodologistes* (produced at the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris) that you have research interests in the taxonomy of diplopods. I myself have done research on the ecology and life history of the millipede, Ommatoiulus (Schizophyllum) moreletii (Lucas, 1860) (Iulidae) in Australia. This millipede is an introduced pest in Australia. It is a native of the Iberian peninsula, Europe. I enclose copies of two papers and a list of others that I have published.

The presence of O. moreletii in Portugal is certain. It has also been reported from Zaragoza in Spain by Ceuca (1974) in Memorie Mus. civ. Stor. nat. Verona 20 : 507-528. I would very much appreciate your opinion on the following questions. Are you aware of any other collections of O. moreletii in Spain besides that of Ceuca (1974) ? If not, do you consider it likely that the species might be found elsewhere in Spain ? In your opinion have many detailed collections of millipedes been made in Spain ? If so, which areas have received most attention and which very little ?

Again, I would be very grateful to hear any comments you feel you could make on this matter. If your colleague Dr A. de Haro Vera has any comments I would be very pleased to hear them as well.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr Geoff H. Baker)