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Dr A. Serra y Sorribes,
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Spain.

Dear Dr Serra y Sorribes,

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 and biogeography of myriapods. I myself have done research on the ecology and life history of the millipede, *Ormatolulus* (*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 a list of the papers I have published on *O. moreletii*.

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, if you feel you are able to comment. I do realize that your major interests concern chilopods. 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.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr Geoff H. Baker)