

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COPYING CHALCIDOIDEA DATABASE TO ENABLE RUNNING IN OTHER PROGRAMME

There are two version of the Universal Chalcidoidea Database on this disc – original PARADOX and DBASEIV

Original Paradox

Copy the complete folder “Pdox40” to drive “C” on a computer that can run MsDos based programmes (usually as a MsDos window). **Note:** The whole folder must be copied directly onto the “C” drive within the root directory, not accessed from within another folder on the C drive. This is because the “working” directory in Paradox is set as c:\Pdox40\Biblio.

Run paradox either by creating a shortcut in windows using “Paradox.exe” (found in root directory of Pdox40 folder) or by going to the MSDos window and changing to the Pdox40 directory and typing in “Paradox” to run the programme.

Paradox will start automatically in the Universal Chalcidoidea Database directory (c:\Pdox40\Biblio).

The tables used in the database can then be exported to various formats using

F10 (to menu bar along top)

Tools

ExportImport

Export (and choose format required for exporting)

IMPORTANT If you choose anything other than DBaseIV format to export then all diacritic marks and accents will be lost from the original format. It will be necessary to first change all these to “coded” characters within the database using a script specifically written for the purpose. Diacritic marks and accents are used throughout the REFS table and also in the Memo fields for FAMTRIBE, GENUS, SPECIES, TSTAT, HKNEW, HOSTS and DIST tables.

For this reason it is recommended that the database is exported first to DBaseIV format.

Dbase IV

These tables can be imported directly into ACCESS and other database programmes without losing accents and diacritic marks. One table may need to be adjusted slightly if imported into ACCESS: the number of “P-type” fields in the HOST table will need to be increased to six (from four) and adjustment made to two records because of a slight conflict between the table structures in Paradox and ACCESS [NOTE: only two out of 150,000 records are affected in this way].

The database structure and notes on rationale behind various aspects of the database can be found