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Fossil Reptiles and Associated Faunal Record

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Message from the Guest Editor

The fossil record of Reptilia (including the birds) is abundant, with numerous clades, adapted to very different lifestyles, being well-represented. These vertebrates are generally the most abundant and diverse in Mesozoic sites, but they are also relatively well-recorded throughout the Cenozoic. An analysis of new findings, as well as the reinterpretation of previously documented specimens, by applying traditional or other more innovative methodologies, can help to improve understanding around the evolutionary history of this relevant lineage. This Special Issue provides an opportunity to contribute new data on the diversity, lifestyle, and paleoecology of several lineages of reptiles, but also information on some of the ecosystems in which various extinct forms inhabited. Studies that analyze the systematics of extinct taxa, as well as those providing new data about the evolutionary history of specific clades of Reptilia, are particularly welcome.









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