

THE VICTORIAN CICHLID SOCIETY INC

presents

Dr Anton Lamboj

'Collecting Fish in West Africa'

8:15 pm, MONDAY, 7 March 2016 at
72 Clayton Road, Clayton*

A light supper will be provided and attendance is **FREE!**

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Anton Lamboj, born in 1956, has been an aquarist since the age of 10. About 1980, he began to take a special interest in the cichlids of West and Central Africa. This interest led, in 1988, to the beginning of his academic education at the University of Vienna. Works for his Masters and PhD were focussed on the systematics of West African cichlids, which is still his main work and aquaristic interest.

As an aquarist, he is interested in many other groups of fish ("every fish is of interest and beautiful"), with a detailed interest in Anabantoids (especially the genera *Betta* and *Parosphromenus*) and West African Killies. More recently, his interest for some South American cichlids (*Gymnogeophagus*) has increased.

Other passions are: keeping orchids, gardening, keeping and breeding exotic birds and diving (all connected with another passion, photography).

Over the years, Anton Lamboj has made 18 field/collecting trips to Africa, and several trips to S-E Asia, Central America and South America. He has about 45 tanks to breed and to study his fish and has authored more than 300 papers (academic and hobbyist) in 10 languages, including four books and contributions to



about 40 other books (aquaristic and scientific). He has described three genera and 19 species.

Lecturer and associated scientist of the University of Vienna, he is also president of the Austrian Assoc of Aquarium and Terrarium Clubs (OEVVOE), vice-president of the European Aquarium and Terrarium Assoc (EATA), editor for West African cichlids and Dwarf Cichlids for the DCG-Info (German Cichlid Assoc), chief-editor of aqua-terra-austria (Austrian aquarium and terrarium journal), curator at the C.A.R.E.S. program and at Cichlid Room Companion. He is an honorary member of the French Cichlid Assoc (AFC), the Hill County Cichlid Club

(Texas) and the Nordiska Ciklidsällskapet (NSC). In 2011 he was honoured for his international work for the hobby as a "Mastère fédéral d'aquariophilie" by the French Aquarium Federation.

In Melbourne on 7 March, he will give a presentation on 'Collecting West African Fishes' (not just the cichlids), something he is obviously quite practiced at.

A night to remember ... not to be missed!