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和歌山県貝類目録（第1集）が大勢の方々の御協力によってようやく発刊の運びとなった。顧みれば1972年10月に黒田博士米寿記念事業として刊行委員会が正式に発足して以来、実に8年間の長歳月が経っている。標本の精査、種名の同定に可成りの時日を費したが、それでも尚手元に若干の未査定種が残った。これらは次の機会に補遺として報告したいと思っている。第1集の編纂にあたっては直接監修執筆の労をとられた波部忠重博士、滝巖博士は申すに及ばず、これの実現に御助力をいただいた時岡隆、菊地典男両博士、多くの県産貝類の資料を提供された林奨一郎、浜本正之の両氏、また図版作成の為に献身的に御協力をいただいた今福道夫、臼杵秀昭（写真）、北尾耕二（作図）の各氏、編集作業に御協力下さった田中勉氏、また資料の提供、有益な意見激励を賜わった県内外の大勢の方々に厚く御礼を申し上げると共に印刷、造本に御尽力いただいた中西印刷株式会社の中西亮氏に深甚の謝意を表したい。終りに目録編纂の難事業に長年労苦を共にしてきた三人の仲間・山本虎夫、土岐頼三郎、湊　宏の各委員と共に第一集完成を心から喜びたい。そしてこの喜びをかみしめて引き続き第二集の編輯を進めて行きたいと思う。

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