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Patrick De Deckker has worked at the Australian National University for over 30 years in his capacity of micropalaeontologist interested in Quaternary palaeoenvironments. He has examined records from large saline lakes and the open ocean and dealt with the taxonomy, ecology, palaeoecology of lacustrine and marine organisms. He has also studied the geochemistry of microfossils, commencing with the pioneering work on ostracod shells. His work has always been multidisciplinary, drawing on as many techniques as possible.

Patrick's recent interests deal with the geochemical and microbiological 'fingerprinting' of airborne dust, with the discovery of Australian dust components in Antarctic ice cores.