Fake : **Dicranurus monstrosus** (F1)

Provenance: ?Morocco **Age**: Maybe 20-40 years

Details: I am uncertain as to when I bought myself this plastic cast fake, but the place indicated below is at least correct. In this case a plastic (may be some kind of resin) cast was made and mounted onto actual rock (something which would be evident to you if only I'd shown you the image, eh?), before the "exoskeleton" was painted on the piece, after which some additional grafting would not only be done to eliminate excess "paint" (I'm told the more common "paint" used back in the days, was a mixture of powdered battery core with oil...not really very healthy), but also make-believe that the piece was gotten through work with air scribe (or, as the Moroccans used to do it in the old days, with "hammer" and nail). Telltale indicators of a fake come in the form of tiny bubbles, both on the "matrix" and on the "exoskeleton" of the "fossil".

Bought on: 02/03/2014

Bought: Marche Couvert, Hannut

Event: Hannut 2014

