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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

BioNET: WHAT DO THE USERS WANT FROM TAXONOMY IN GHANA?

A team comprising the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (Ghana), the University of Ghana, the Natural History Museum (London), BioNET-WAFRINET and BioNET-Secretariat received UK government support for a comprehensive assessment of end-user taxonomic needs and how best to meet them. The project will start in 2006 and is supported by DEFRA (UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) as a contribution to the Global Taxonomy Initiative of the Convention on Biological Diversity and implementation of the plan of action of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, 2002.

BioNET-WAFRINET:

SIERRA LEONE CROP PROTECTION BOOSTED BY RETURN OF NEW TAXONOMIST

Supported by a BioNET-WAFRINET Fellowship, Dr. I. M. O. Shamie has been awarded a PhD by Cardiff University, Wales for his study of the phylogenetic and phylogeographic relationships of *Pediobus furvus* Gahan (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae) populations in West Africa. The study is an important contribution to improving maize yields in Africa. The species studied is a parasitoid wasp that has the potential to be an important element in integrated pest management strategies to control maize stem-borer in Africa. At the end of July Dr. Shamie returned to his home country Sierra Leone where he uses his taxonomic expertise in his work as a Crop Protection Officer at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

BioNET-EASIANET - WORKSHOP: THE IMPORTANCE OF TAXONOMY TO PLANT QUARANTINE

The Mushroom Research Centre, Chiang Mai, will host a 10-day course aimed at strengthening plant quarantine services. The programme will consist of formal presentations on various plant quarantine issues and practical work both in the field and in the laboratory on the identification of plant disease causing fungi. The course contributes to the goal of building regional capacity in the detection, recognition, identification, and reporting of plant diseases. **Date:** 14-23 November 2005. **Cost:** US\$ 300 per participant (includes course fees, shared accommodation, food and local transportation). **Financial support** including airfares is available for 10-15 participants. EASIANET-country applicants will be given priority. **Closing date:** 15 October 2005. **web:** <http://www.easianet.nies.go.jp> | <http://www.mushroomresearchcentre.net> **email contact:** zhao_ruilin@yahoo.com.cn | ruilinzhao@126.com

BioNET-ANDINONET:

FIRST COURSE IN TAXONOMY, PHILOGENETICS AND BIOGEOGRAPHY OF MUSCIDAE

First Course in Taxonomy, Phylogenetics and Biogeography of Muscidae (in Spanish) at the Instituto de Zoología Agrícola, Facultad de Agronomía, Maracay, Venezuela. **Date:** 26-30 September 2005. **Duration:** 40 hours.

Web: <http://www.andinonet.org.ve/> **email contacts:** musiua11@intercable.net.ve | clamiche@telcel.net.ve | silon@cantv.net | postent@agr.ucv.ve

BioNET-ANDINONET: NEW WEBSITE

ANDINONET, the BioNET LOOP of the Andean Community countries, has launched its website. You are invited to explore and contribute. **Web:** www.andinonet.org.ve **email:** clamiche@telcel.net.ve

BioNET-ASEANET: WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The Southeast Asian LOOP of BioNET is proud to announce the launch of its website. You are invited to visit and contribute: www.aseanet.org

BioNET-ASEANET: TRAINING AND GUIDE BUILDING WITH DISCOVER LIFE

The ASEANET Secretariat co-organised two Discover Life (www.discoverlife.org) training courses in Malaysia in July, the first at the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI), the second at the University of Malaysia Sabah. Two guide development activities are now underway: Pests of Tropical Fruits of Malaysia and Ants of Danum Valley, Borneo. **Email:** Dr Soetikno Slamet Sastroutomo: s.soetikno@cabi.org

IDENTIFY LIFE - A NEW PROJECT AIMS TO REVOLUTIONISE WEB-BASED KEYS

The Centre for Biological Information Technology recently obtained a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation for a project to develop *Identify Life* an innovative and flexible means of delivering taxonomic identification services via the Internet, utilising morphological information stored in distributed databases. *Identify Life* will provide a mechanism for producing web-based identification keys more rapidly and at much less cost than is currently possible by pooling data from many disparate sources such as printed keys (using the Lucid Phoenix software tool), published and unpublished taxonomic databases, phylogenetic data files and natural language descriptions into a web-service database. The 18 month project will provide a proof of concept by creating an *Identify Life* dataset for around 550 palm species of the neotropics, as well as for an additional 1500 taxa from various taxonomic groups. [More information](#)

LUCID KEYS TO QUARANTINE PESTS AND DISEASES

The following lists of available keys have been compiled by the Centre for Biological Information Technology: Lucid keys of [direct relevance](#) to quarantine and Lucid keys of [indirect relevance](#) to quarantine. CBIT hopes that the lists will help facilitate further international collaboration in the development and use of Lucid keys for quarantine and plant health. **Web:** <http://www.lucidcentral.org/> **email contacts:** enquiries@cbit.uq.edu.au | bionet@bionet-intl.org

'ECOSYSTEM SERVICES': A VITAL TERM IN POLICY DEBATES

Source: Scidev.net

Walter Reid, Robert Watson and Harold Mooney defend the use of the term 'ecosystem services' as an essential way of communicating to policymakers the importance of the benefits that people receive from ecosystems.

Web: <http://www.scidev.net/Editorials/index.cfm?fuseaction=readEditorials&itemid=166&language=1>

TRANSLATING ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE INTO NEW DRUGS IS HARD

Source: Scidev.net

India's ancient system of medicine — known as Ayurveda — has become a rich resource for modern scientists looking for new drugs. Several local plants, such as neem trees and turmeric, offer promising leads for treating diseases such as diabetes and malaria. But translating ayurvedic knowledge into modern drug discovery is not easy, reports T. V. Padma in this article in Nature.

Web: <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v436/n7050/full/436486a.html>

CBD CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM: NEW REPORTS AVAILABLE

Reports are available of the Regional Meetings for [Latin America and the Caribbean](#) and [Asia and the Pacific](#). In addition, also available is the Report of the Technical Workshop on the Development of Regional Clearing-House Mechanisms. See [Report](#) **Web:** <http://www.biodiv.org> **email contact:** secretariat@biodiv.org

NEW WEBSITE: ConserveOnline

The new ConserveOnline website has been launched as part of the Conservation Commons. It has been extensively redesigned and upgraded. It is a meeting place for the conservation community, open to anyone who wants to find or share information relevant to conservation science and practice. **Web:** <http://www.conserveonline.org/>

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS, GRANTS, VACANCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

GBIF PROGRAMMES, DIGIT: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals are sought for DIGIT (Digitisation of Natural History Collection Data) that are focused on data needed by international initiatives such as The International Pollinators Initiative (IPI), The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), The Convention on Biological Diversity's 2010 Biodiversity Target or a particular Global Species Groups Conservation Assessment. **Web:** http://www.gbif.org/prog/digit/HTML_Page1119970092
email contact: Meredith Lane: mlane@gbif.org

GBIF PROGRAMMES, ECAT: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals are sought for ECAT (Electronic Catalogue of Names of Known Organisms) that are focused on data needed by international initiatives such as The International Pollinators Initiative (IPI), The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), The Convention on Biological Diversity's 2010 Biodiversity Target or a particular Global Species Groups Conservation Assessment. Pre-proposals due: 15 September 2005. Full proposals will be requested from successful pre-proposers in October 2005. Full Proposals due 30 November 2005. **Web:** http://www.gbif.org/prog/ecat/seed_money/2005-06/HTML_Page1119969925 **email contact:** Meredith Lane: mlane@gbif.org **tel:** +45 3532 1470 **fax:** +45 3532 1480

ROTHAMSTED AFRICAN FELLOWS PROGRAMME

The Programme supports sustainable agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa by catalysing innovative solutions needed to achieve food security. Projects should aim to develop lasting partnerships and strategic alliances that will help in developing local scientific capacity relevant to sustainable agricultural production. African scientists will carry out research projects in a partner European research institute or university for periods of 4 to 12 months. Deadline for pre-proposals: 17:00 hours (GMT) on Friday 14th October 2005. Contact: AFP Coordinator, Rothamsted International, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 2JQ, UK. Email: rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk Web: <http://www.rothamsted-international.org/Grants.html>

CALL FOR PROPOSALS - The European Commission

Call for proposals for two programmes:(1) Environment in Developing Countries Programme(2) Tropical Forests and other forests in Developing Countries Programme. For further information see [Guidelines](#) [Application Form](#) [Application Data Sheet](#) [Budget](#) [Logical framework](#). **Closing date:** Tue Nov 8 2005 **email contact:** EuropeAid-ENVFOR@cec.eu.int **tel:** +32 2 299 1111

DOCTORATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN AGROBIODIVERSITY

Sant'Anna School for Advanced Studies of Pisa, FAO, the International Plant Genetic Resource Institute (IPGRI) and the National Academy of Sciences of Italy

If interested in the International Doctorate in Agrobiodiversity (in English), **contact:** Dr Paolo Bàrberi. Closing date: Fri Sep 30 2005. **Web:** www.sssup.it **email contact:** barberi@sssup.it **tel:** +39-050-883.525 **fax:** +39-050-883.512

SYNTHESYS

Natural History Museum (UK)

SYNTHESYS Project funding is available to provide scientists based in European Member and Associated States to undertake short visits to utilize the infrastructure at one of the 20 partner institutions for the purposes of their research. **Web:** www.synthesys.info **email contact:** synthesys@nhm.ac.uk

NEW PUBLICATIONS

DIVERSITAS - ANNUAL REPORT 2004

See **web:** http://www.diversitas-international.org/docs/DIVERSITAS-Annual-Report_2004.pdf

TROPINET ARTICLE on the CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Kerry ten Kate and W. John. Kress assess the role of the convention in fairer benefit sharing between biodiversity and biotechnology rich countries and argues why scientists need to engage in the convention and its meetings. More: [Download pdf](#)

THE IUCN INVASIVE SPECIES SPECIALIST GROUP (ISSG)

The IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG) has, with support from BioNET, updated and released Spanish and French versions of the popular illustrated booklet "100 of The World's Worst Invasive Species". Download [English](#) and [Spanish](#) pdf file versions. For hard copies of the brochure in Spanish, French or English, or for more information contact: email: issg@auckland.ac.nz

BIOCONTROL FILES: CANADA'S BULLETIN ON ECOLOGICAL PEST MANAGEMENT

This publication is a unique collaboration between an environmental NGO (World Wildlife Fund-Canada), a pan-Canadian network of academic and government researchers (the Biocontrol Network), and the Canadian Federal Agriculture Department (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada). The quarterly publication is an 8-page resource which reports on tools and developments in ecological pest management. It focuses on providing practical information on biological pest control products, raising public awareness of the principles and benefits of biological pest control, and delving into the policy, technical and social issues which impact the field of

biological pest control. Biocontrol Files is available in both English and French. Visit Biocontrol Files at [Website](#) Click on the "Biocontrol Files/Dossiers Biocontrôle" button to enter the home page of the Files, and then click on either the "English" button to view the first three issues in English or, alternatively, click on the "Français" button to access these issues in French. Web: <http://www.biocontrol.ca/>

A REVISED CHECKLIST OF INDIAN MARINE ALGAE

The checklist contains published information on Marine Algae reported from Indian waters, especially on its biology, cultivation, taxonomy, reports from new locations and utilization. It includes 844 species of seaweeds reported so far from Indian waters and most of the significant references. **Order information:** Bank Draft in favour of The Director-CSMCR I and payable at Bhavnagar (India). Price: US\$45 incl.p+p, Publisher: Marine Data Centre on Algae and Marine Chemicals, Author: Rohit M. Oza and S. H. Zaidi, **email contact:** salt@csmcri.org **tel:** +91-0278-2561354, **fax:** +91-0278-2566970/2567562

COCKROACHES IN THE HOME, COCKROACHES EVERYWHERE!!!

A technical bulletin on common domestic cockroaches.

contact: Professor Joseph Allotey, email:alloteyj@mopipi.ub.bw

NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM CABI

Contact: orders@cabi.org / www.cabi-publishing/bookshop

- ❑ *Starter Packs: A Strategy to Fight Hunger in Developing Countries*
- ❑ *Forestry in a Global Context*
- ❑ *Agriculture as a Producer and Consumer of Energy*
- ❑ *The CAP and the Regions - The Territorial Impact of the Common Agricultural Policy*
- ❑ *Aquaculture - An Introductory Text*
- ❑ *Crop Protection Compendium, 2005 Edition*

(The 2005 Edition contains 188 new full datasheets on pests, invasive species and woody weeds, making the total number more than 2360. It also contains 178 new datasheet reviews, many of these on invasive species and seedborne pathogens; many more have been updated). See [Website](#)

Calendar of Events

1-2 September 2005

Creating the Information Commons for e-Science: Toward institutional policies and guidelines for action. Paris, France. Contact: Cheryl Levey, Email: cheryl@codataweb.org, Web: <http://www.codataweb.org/UNESCOmtg/index.html>

8 September 2005

Africa's Rainbow Revolution, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Contact: elspeth.bartlet@bbsrc.ac.uk
Web: <http://www.rothamsted.bbsrc.ac.uk/Research/FoS2005.html>

11-18 September 2005

Taxonomic Databases Working Group (TDWG) St. Petersburg, Russia. Contact: Adrian Rissone, E-mail: A.Rissone@nhm.ac.uk with Subject line "TDWG 2005", Details: http://www.tdwg.org/2005meet/TDWG_2005_Intro.htm | <http://www.zin.ru/conferences/tdwg/index.html>

12-15 September 2005

VI Argentine Congress of Entomology, San Miguel de Tucuman, Argentina. Contact: Email: congduc@csnat.unt.edu.ar Web: <http://www.sea.secyt.gov.ar>

12-16 September 2005

2nd International Symposium on Biological Control of Arthropods, Davos, Switzerland. Contact: ISBCA Symposium Secretary ISBCA@bluewin.ch and see: www.cabi-bioscience.ch/ISBCA-DAVOS-2005/

17-25 September 2005

First Regional Workshop on Fungal Genetic Resource Collections, Havana, Cuba. Contact: Jorge Luis Ortiz Medina, Tel: (53-7) 578780, 578266, 578088, 578010, Fax: (53-7) 578090, Email: botanica.ies@ama.cu | julio.mena@infomed.sld.cu | biokarst@ama.cu Web: www.ecosis.cu

19-20 September 2005

2nd International Congress and Innovation Fair "Sustainable Management in Action" (SMIA05), Geneva, Switzerland. Contact: <http://www.smia.info/>

26-27 September 2005

IOBC/WPRS Working Group "Integrated Control in Citrus Fruit Crops", Lisbon, Portugal. Contact: José Carlos Franco, Fax: +351-213653430, Email: iobc2005@isa.utl.pt Web: <http://www.isa.utl.pt/dppf/iobc>

26-30 September 2005

BioNET-ANDINONET - First Course covering Taxonomy, Phylogenetics and Biogeography of Muscidae, Maracay, Venezuela. For more information contact: **Tel:** (0243) 5507426/5507086/5507734 **Fax:** (0243) 5507425, **Email:** musiua11@intercable.net.ve | clamiche@telcel.net.ve | spilon@cantv.net | postent@agr.ucv.ve or see [ANDINONET's website](#)

5-7 October 2005

XXVI ASCOLFI Congress, Bogota, Colombia. For more information contact: Benjamin Pineda Lopez, **Fax:** 092-2750557, 092-2712244, **Email:** ascolfi@telesat.com.co or see [Ascolfi Website](#)

7-9 October 2005

52nd Annual Systematics Symposium "Reconstructing Complex Evolutionary Histories: Gene-Species, Trees, Historical Biogeography, and Co-evolutions", Missouri Botanical Garden, United States of America. See: www.mobot.org/MOBOT/research/symposium/welcome.shtml Contact: Mick Richardson, Tel: +1 (314) 577 5176, Fax: +1 (314) 577 0820, Email: mick.richardson@mobot.org

9-12 October 2005

36th Annual Conference of The Entomological Society of Nigeria - "Insect Conservation", Port Harcourt. Contact: Professor N.E.S. Lale, Dept. of Animal and Environmental Biology, University of Port Harcourt, P.M.B. 5232, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. Tel: 0803-745-0801.

13-14 October 2005

Symposium on World Food Day: "Poor health, food insecurity, and poverty - How to break a vicious circle?", Berne, Switzerland. Contact: Felix Hintermann, InfoAgrar Tel: +41 (0)31 910 21 91, Fax +41 (0)31 910 21 54, Email: felix.hintermann@infoagrar.ch Web: <http://www.infoagrar.ch> | <http://www.sfiar.ch>

17-28 October 2005

3rd Bioinformatic Regional Training Course of Dakar - "Bioinformatic analysis of genotypage data". Dakar, Senegal. The course is in French and free to participants. Contact: rjambou@pasteur.sn | parasito@refer.sn

24-28 October 2005

International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Contact: Louise Dumouchel, Email: ldumouchel@inspection.gc.ca Web: <https://www.ippc.int/id/38814>

30 October-2 November 2005

III Argentine Congress of Limnology, Chascomús, Argentina. Information: <http://www.ilpla.edu.ar>

31 October-4 November 2005

The 7th Africa GIS Conference and Exhibition: "Beyond Talk: Geo-information working for Africa", Johannesburg, South Africa. See: <http://www.africagis2005.org.za/>

1-3 November 2005

International Workshop "Implementation of biocontrol in practice in temperate regions - present and near future" Flakkebjerg, Denmark. Contact Lise Stengård Hansen, Email: lises.hansen@agrsci.dk Web: <http://www.centre-biological-control.dk>

2-5 November 2005

BioThailand 2005: Biotechnology Challenges in the 21st Century, Bangkok, Thailand. Contact: BioThailand Secretariat, Tel: (66-2) 5646700, Fax: (66-2) 2488304, Email: biothailand2005@biotec.or.th Web: <http://biothailand2005.biotec.or.th>

3-6 November 2005

3rd International Waterfowl Conference, Guangzhou, P.R.China Contact: waterfowl2005@scau.edu.cn Web: www.scau.edu.cn/waterfowl2005/ <http://www.scau.edu.cn/waterfowl2005/>

5-7 November 2005

International Seminar "Innovative Models For Conservation and Sustainable Development at Grassroots Levels". Shillong, Meghalaya, India. Contact: Tel: 0364-2225092, Mobile: +91 94 361-19954 Web: <http://spc-is.org/college.htm>

7-8 November 2005

Conference of the African Science Academy Development Initiative: Improving public policy to achieve the millennium development goals in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. Organised by: Kenya National Academy of Sciences, the African Academy of Sciences, and the US National Academies. Contact: Ijeoma Emenanjo **Email:** iemenanjo@nas.edu

9-11 November 2005

V Biodiversity Workshop, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. Contact: Alina Morell Bayard, Email: alina@bioeco.ciges.inf.cu

9-12 November 2005

First DIVERSITAS International Conference on Biodiversity, Oaxaca, Mexico. Contact: Tel: +33 1 45 25 95 25, Fax: +33 1 42 88 94 31, Email: secretariat@diversitas-international.org Web: www.diversitas-international.org

13-15 November 2005

The 3rd International Conference on date palm, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. Contact: zaid@uaeu.ac.ae Web: <http://dpgn.uaeu.ac.ae/first%20announcement.htm>

13-18 November 2005

International Beekeeping Congress, Bangalore, India. For more information contact: IBC Secretariat, **Fax:** 91-(080)-25244592, **Email:** info@cenfound.org or see [Website](#)

14-15 November 2005

Conference "Communicating European Research 2005", European Commission, Brussels. Web: http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2005/cer2005/index_en.html

14-23 November 2005

BioNET-EASIANET - Workshop: The Importance of Taxonomy to Plant Quarantine, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Closing date for applications: 15 Oct. 2005. Contact: Ruilin Zhao, Mushroom Research Centre, **Email:** zhao_ruilin@yahoo.com.cn | ruilinzhao@126.com or see [EASIANET website](#) and [Mushroom Research Centre website](#)

15-17 November 2005

The state of science and technology training institutions in Africa and their role in socio-economic development. Organised by: The African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions. Location: Accra, Ghana. Email: info@ansticonference.org Web: http://www.ansticonference.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=27&Itemid=47

28-30 November 2005

The Sixth Scientific Conference & General Meeting of The Tanzania Entomological Association (TEA) - "Globalization and Pest Management", Tropical Pesticides Research Institute (TPRI), Arusha, Tanzania. Contact: Mr W.R. Mbise Tel: +255 27 250 8813-5, Email: tpri@habari.co.tz | wmbise@yahoo.com Professor B.S. Kilonzo Tel: +255 23 2604621, Email: Kilonzo@suanet.co.tz | bskilonzo@mailcity.com

28 November-2 December 2005

Third International Conference on Plants & Environmental Pollution, National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, India. Contact: Email: isebnbrilko@satyam.net.in Web: <http://www.geocities.com/isebindia/index.html>

28 November-2 December 2005

Training course on Nematodes in Cropping systems: Identification & Techniques. Australian National University, Canberra. Contact: Mike Hodda CSIRO Entomology. Tel: +61 2 6246 4371, Fax: +61 2 6246 4000 Email: mike.hodda@csiro.au

5-7 December 2005

Second International Conference on Parthenium Management, Bangalore, India. Details: http://www.iprng.org/IPRNG-parthenium_newsS.htm

5-9 December 2005

CBD/SBSTTA-11, Montréal, Canada. Web: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=SBSTTA-11>

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22-27 January 2006

6th International Conference of Hymenopterists, Sun City, South Africa. Contact: Prof. D.J. Brothers, Tel: +27 33 260 5102, Fax: +27 33 260 5105, Email: brothers@ukzn.ac.za; see [Website](#)

30 January - 2 February 2006

International Conference: "Biodiversity of Insects: Challenging Issues in Management and Conservation", Coimbatore, India. Contact: Dr K. Murugan, Tel: +91-422-2422 222; Fax: +91-422-2425 706, Email: kmvbk@yahoo.com Web: www.b-u.ac.in

19-22 February 2006

International Workshop - "Diversity of Fodder Fabaceae and their Symbionts: Biotechnological, Agronomic, and Environmental Applications", Algiers. Contact: Dr Abdelguerfi Aissa, Email: a.abdelguerfi@ina.dz | aabdelguerfi@yahoo.fr

23-25 February 2006

International Symposium on Agriculturally Important Micro-organisms: Conservation, Utilization, Bioremediation and Ecological Significance, Indian Mycological Society, Kolkata, India. Contact: Professor N. Samajpati, Fax: (0091) (033) 2236 0609, Email: clubinn@cal2.vsnl.net.in

1-3 March 2006

Science-in-Society / Society-in-Science - African Forum, Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Contact: ascc@saasta.ac.za Web: <http://www.fest.org.za/ascc/>

20-31 March 2006

Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Curitiba, Brazil. For more information see [Website](#).

14-19 May 2006

14th Conference of the International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) "Water Management and Soil Conservation in Semi-Arid Environments" Marrakech, Morocco. Contact: Professor Mohamed Sabir Tel/Fax: (212) 37 86 11 49, Email: isco2006@wanadoo.net.ma

5-9 June 2006

28th Symposium of the European Society of Nematologists, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. Information: Web: <http://biocore.ecolab.bas.bg/esn2006>

19-25 June 2006

IX Latin American Congress of Botany, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic – "Contributing to the Global Knowledge of the Latin American Native Flora". Information: www.botanica-alb.org | www.botanica-alb.org/CongresoPreins.pdf

10 -14 September 2006

BGCI's 6th International Congress on Education in Botanic Gardens. The Nature of Success: Success for Nature, University of Oxford Botanic Garden, U.K. Contact: sarah.kneebone@bgci.org | education@bgci.org Web: www.bgci.org/educationcongress

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IX Meeting of the IOBC Phytopathogens working group, "Fundamental and practical approaches to increase biocontrol efficacy". Spa, Belgium. Contact: Yigal Elad Tel 972 3 9683539, Fax 972 3 9683688; Email: elady@volcani.agri.gov.il,

2007

22-25 May 2007

1st International Biodiversity Congress: Working Together for Livelihood Security, Food Security and Ecological Security for Life on Earth. Bangkok. Contact: Ram Bhandari, Email: hirinepal@mail.com.np or ibc2007@yahoo.com

15-18 October 2007

XVI International Plant Protection Congress, Scottish Exhibition & Conference Center, Glasgow, UK. Information: www.bcpc.org/iapps2007

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13-19 July 2008

Fifth International Congress of Nematology, Brisbane, Australia. Contact: Tel +61 2 6246 4371, Fax +61 2 6246 4000, Email: mike.hodda@csiro.au

BioNET PUBLICATIONS

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CASE STUDY SERIES – WHY TAXONOMY MATTERS

Have you ever wondered why taxonomy is so important to sustainable development? Do you need examples of the value of taxonomy when talking to decision makers or funders? For a series of summary case studies, regularly updated, see: www.bionet-intl.org/case_studies
Further contributions welcome.

TAXONOMY TARGETING INVASIVES

This collection of summary case studies, drawn from the Why Taxonomy Matters series, illustrates the role of taxonomy in Invasive Alien Species (IAS) management. With examples from various sectors, the case studies highlight how taxonomic expertise, surveys, information and analysis are of crucial importance to recognising and solving ecological, agricultural, trade, health and other problems caused by IAS. Published by BioNET-INTERNATIONAL in association with the Global Invasive Species Programme and the Invasive Species Specialist Group of the World Conservation Union (IUCN).

3GTW PLAN OF ACTION AND RESOURCE KIT FOR TAXONOMIC CAPACITY BUILDING

Presentations, the Plan of Action and other outputs from the 3rd Global Taxonomy Workshop (Pretoria and Paris) | Background on the Global Taxonomy Initiative | Recent publications and more. Published at www.bionet-intl.org/3gtw and on CD.

BioNET-INTERNATIONAL- An Introduction

Available to view or download from: www.bionet-intl.org/html/welcome/whatis/whatis.htm:

- ❑ An explanatory leaflet *What is BioNET?*
- ❑ The BioNET-INTERNATIONAL PowerPoint slide set

VORONTSOV'S WHO'S WHO IN BIODIVERSITY SCIENCES

in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION MAPS OF CARIBBEAN FUNGI

In English or Spanish

View online: <http://www.biodiversity.ac.psiweb.com/carimaps/>

SAFRINET TRAINING MANUALS

Set of four available on CD: 1. Collecting and Preserving Fungi: A Manual for Mycology | 2. Collecting and Preserving Nematodes: A Manual for Nematology | 3. Collecting and Preserving Insects and Arachnids: A Manual for Entomology and Arachnology | 4. Introduction to Practical Phytobacteriology: A Manual for Phytobacteriology.

Contacts for BioNET's Regional Partnership Networks (LOOPS)

ESTABLISHED LOOPS

ANDINONET http://www.andinonet.org.ve Regional Coordinator: Prof José Clavijo: clamiche@telcel.net.ve	ASEANET http://www.aseanet.org Secretariat: Dr Soetikno Sastroutomo: s.soetikno@cabi.org
CARINET http://carinet.ecoport.org Regional Coordinator: Dr Ron Barrow: carinet@trinidad.net	EASIANET http://www.easianet.nies.go.jp/hk Regional Coordinator: Dr Kevin D. Hyde: kdhyde@hkucc.hku.hk
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