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# AEET/SPECO Island Biology Interest Group (IBIG)

Island biogeography is recently going through an exciting period of new developments. Many of such advances are being made by different Portuguese and Spanish research groups, and/or from studies developed in the archipelagos associated with the two Iberian countries (e.g. Macaronesian and Mediterranean Islands).

The Island Biology Interest Group (IBIG) is a newly created group within the two Iberian associations of ecology – AEET (Asociación Española de Ecología Terrestre; <a href="http://www.aeet.org/">http://www.aeet.org/</a>) and SPECO (Sociedade Portuguesa de Ecologia; <a href="http://speco.fc.ul.pt/">http://speco.fc.ul.pt/</a>) – that aims to promote the collaboration between researchers interested on island systems.

We have planned some activities for the near future that include:

- Mailing list that facilitates communication between the members of the group (already ongoing)
- Webpage of the group, where all members can include information about their research interests (under development)
- Annual/Biannual meetings between the members. The first one will be an Island Biology symposium that will be held at the 4<sup>TH</sup> Iberian Congress of Ecology (16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Coimbra, Portugal). Don't miss it!

If you want to join us, just send us an email to islandbiologygroup@gmail.com



# International Network of Next-Generation Ecologists (INNGE)

INNGE is a network of ecologists that pursues to bring early career ecologists together from all around the World. The aim is to strengthen international ties and inspire new activities in a growing global community of ecologists.

This is an announcement for the 2nd annual election for the board of INNGE. If you want to be involved and run for a position, fill in this <u>form</u> before January 1st 2015.

Calendar:

December 11th: Call for candidates

January 8th: Voting open February 8th: Voting closed

February 10th: Results announcement

Rules of voting: each of the 18 ecological <u>society</u> <u>members</u> of INNGE have one vote for each of the eight seats to be filled this year.

To read more about INNGE visit <a href="http://www.innge.net/">http://www.innge.net/</a>. Make sure to check out whom you will be working with by going to the page of INNGE's <a href="working group">working group</a> and the <a href="FAQ">FAQ</a>.

We invite you to read INNGE's bylaws and to stay abreast of developments via the INNGE blog, Facebook, and Twitter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the elections or the bylaws, or any other aspect regarding INNGE: nextgenecologists@innge.net

If you want to announce a meeting, event or job offer that could be of interest for (some) biogeographers, or you want to make a call for manuscripts or talks, please contact us at <a href="mailto:ibs@mncn.csic.es">ibs@mncn.csic.es</a> and <a href="mailto:frontiersofbiogeography@gmail.com">frontiersofbiogeography@gmail.com</a>.



### MORE INFORMATION

contact Dr Gretta Pecl (Gretta.Pecl@utas.edu. au) or Professor Stephen Williams (Stephen. Williams@jcu.edu.au). We would welcome suggestions for Theme Organisers, Workshops, Session Chairs and Plenary Speakers.



Accelerating rates of change in the earth's climate system are resulting in a relatively rapid redistribution of the biological resources we are striving to manage. Scientists from a wide variety of fields are seeking to improve the realism, accuracy and precision of analyses and projections, related to climate mediated changes in species and ecosystems, to support robust decision making that will benefit the future of our planet. In focusing on all aspects of redistribution of global living resources this conference hopes to foster the exchange of ideas, discussion of issues and collaboration across disciplines that will assist us to solve the big challenges that arise from 'species on the move'.

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   Detection, attribution, and facilitation of range change

  - Biological adaptation at the species level physiology & genetics
    Cultural, social and economic dimensions of range shifts and changing ecosystems

  - Modelling Change from Molecules to Ecosystems: Understanding and representing multi-scale mechanisms that link climate, humans and living resources

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