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might be worthwhile to increase the number of invited speakers from these regions at future IBS meetings. Another way of increasing the diversity of biogeographers at the meetings and facilitating the integration and collaboration of international biogeography researchers is to assist researchers from these regions to attend the meetings by offering special travel grants¹. I believe it would certainly enrich the IBS meetings if the diversity of the participating biogeographers would be increased.

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1. *Note from the editor*. The IBS supports the attendance to its biennial meetings of researchers from developing countries, as well as of many students worldwide, by means of travel grants. The number of grants awarded each year is unfortunately determined by the limited funds available. Due to this, a program started last year raised funds from senior biogeographers who volunteered to sponsor student travel grants. If you are willing to contribute in this or similar initiatives, please contact Karen Faller at biogeography.ibs@gmail.com, or make a direct donation through the IBS webpage, <http://www.biogeography.org/>.

Job announcements

2-year postdoc position

University of Lund, Sweden

Ecosystem Modelling & Biodiversity Studies Group, <http://www.nateko.lu.se/embers/>. Project "Simulating species and functional group responses to climate change, based on the mechanistic modelling of habitat change, population dynamics and dispersal". The objective will be to develop a generic methodology that may be applied to many species or functional groups, and to demonstrate this for one or two specific species, chosen from the Swedish bird monitoring database among species already demonstrated or suspected to be showing a response to climate change in terms of their distribution and abundance. Relevant habitat factors, or proxies for these, e.g. vegetation type, will be identified and simulated through vegetation modelling. Changes in the spatial configuration of habitat elements will be analysed using landscape ecological approaches as input to modelling

of the population dynamics and dispersal of the target species. Advanced statistical methods will be employed for the comparison of observed species distributions with simulated distribution and abundance in space and time.

Qualifications: PhD in Ecology or similar with particular expertise in landscape ecology. Strong statistical and computing skills including demonstrated programming ability are required. The successful candidate will have a good publication record and excellent written and spoken English.

Applications including a full CV and a covering letter highlighting the applicant's skills and relevance to the advertised position should be made on-line system at: <http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/about-lund-university/jobs> where this vacancy (NPA 2011/271) is displayed. For further information please contact: Martin Sykes, Professor of Plant Ecology (Martin.Sykes@nateko.lu.se; Phone +46 46-2229298). Closing date: 30th June 2011; Start date: 2011-10-01 or as soon as possible.

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Postdoctoral position in theoretical ecology**McGill University, Canada**

I am seeking a postdoc to help me develop integrative theory at the interface between ecosystem ecology and community or evolutionary ecology. More details on current research interests in my lab can be found on <http://www.biology.mcgill.ca/faculty/loreau/>. Applicants should (1) have obtained their PhD during the last five years, (2) have strong quantitative or mathematical skills, and (3) develop an independent research project. The position is available for one year but will be renewable.

Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. To apply, e-mail a letter of application, a CV, a statement of research interests and arrange to have e-mailed three letters of recommendation to me: Michel Loreau, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Theoretical Ecology, Department of Biology, McGill University. e-mail: michel.loreau@mcgill.ca; Phone: 514-398-3778.

3-year postdoc position**School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, Queen Mary, University of London**

Full time position starting in October 2011 or as soon as possible thereafter. A postdoctoral applicant is sought with an interest in ecological modelling. The successful applicant will be developing coupled, process-based, models of ecological systems under the supervision of Professor M.R. Evans (QMUL). Candidates should hold a PhD in a relevant area of ecology or computer science or have equivalent experience. Training can also be given where needed and there will be opportunities to attend international conferences.

Further details and an application form can be obtained from the Human Resources website on: <http://www.hr.qmul.ac.uk/vacancies> (reference number 11144/KK). For further information about the School, please see <http://www.sbcs.qmul.ac.uk>. Informal enquiries can also be made to Professor. M.R. Evans at m.r.evans@exeter.ac.uk. The closing date for applications is 23rd June 2011 at 4.00pm. Interviews will be held 12th July 2011.

Upcoming events**8th Biennial Conference of the Systematics Association**

4-8 July 2011 – Belfast, UK

<http://www.systass.org/>

Vlth European Congress of Mammalogy

19-23 July 2011 – Paris, France

<http://www.alphavisa.com/ecm2011/>

3rd International Conference on Climate Change**Impacts and responses**

21-22 July 2011 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

<http://www.Climate-Conference.com>

XVIII International Botanical Congress

23-30 July 2011 – Melbourne, Australia

<http://www.ibt2011.com/>

Ecological Society of America 96th Annual Meeting

7-12 August 2011 – Austin, TX, USA

<http://www.esa.org/meetings/>

Conference on Frontiers in Historical Ecology

30 August-2 September 2011 – Birmensdorf, Switzerland

http://www.wsl.ch/frontiers_historical_ecology

European Society for Evolutionary Biology Meeting

20-25 August 2011 – Tuebingen, Germany

<http://www.eseb2011.de/>

GfÖ 2011**British Ecological Society**

5-9 September 2011 – Oldenburg, Germany

<http://www.gfoe-2011.de/>

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 ibs@mncn.csic.es and frontiersofbiogeography@gmail.com.