

Banks' Florilegium, published between 1980 and 1990. The *Florilegium* consists of over 700 botanical line engravings made from Sydney Parkinson's watercolours, recording the plants collected by Joseph Banks and Daniel Carl Solander on Captain James Cook's first voyage around the world (1768–1771).

After 1990, Chris, with Dick Vane-Wright and Paul Williams, both (then) of the Entomology Department, the Natural History Museum, pooled their collective systematic and biogeographical expertise together and began to address questions relating to conservation biology with their synthetic 'WorldMap' approach. After a decade of fruitful collaboration Chris returned to studying the distribution of plants on Macaronesia, the islands he cut his teeth on as a student.

Chris received many honours: the Linnean Society's Bicentenary Medal in 1980 and their Gold Medal in 2001; he was also an Honorary Fellow of the American Association for the Advance-

ment of Science. He was President of the Systematics Association (2001–2003) as well as its Treasurer (1996–9), and President of the Willi Hennig Society (1989–1991), being elected a Fellow *honoris causa* in 1998. Chris was also Vice-President and Botanical Secretary of the Linnean Society (1994–1998).

In 2008, a three-day Meeting was held in his honour at the Linnean Society; a Festschrift will be published in early 2010.

David Williams

Natural History Museum London, UK

membership corner

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IBS-sponsored events

Latest news from the forthcoming 2011 IBS meeting at Crete

The four invited-speakers symposia that will be held in the Crete meeting have now been decided upon. The list includes the following:

1. Analytical advancements in macroecology and biogeography (organizers: Alexandre Diniz-Filho & Carsten Rahbek)

2. New Perspectives on Comparative Phylogeography – novel integrative approaches and challenges (organizers: Ana Carnaval & Mike Hickerson)

3. Biogeography and Ecology: Two Lenses in One Telescope (organizers: Dave Jenkins & Bob Ricklefs)

4. Mediterranean biogeography: where history meets ecology across scales (organizers: Spyros Sfenthourakis & Rémy Petit)

Besides these symposia, additional thematic sessions will host contributed presentations, following the model started in the Mérida meeting. The nature and topics covered by each session will be decided in the near future.

Jens-Christian Svenning

V. P. for Conferences

Spyros Sfenthourakis

Organizing board of the 2011 IBS meeting

You can find information about the **International Biogeography Society** at <http://www.biogeography.org/>, and contact with other biogeographers at the **IBS blog** (<http://biogeography.blogspot.com/>), the **IBS facebook group** (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6908354463>) and the **IBS twitter channel** (<https://twitter.com/biogeography>).

Job announcements

2-year postdoc project

Ecoinformatics & Biodiversity Group, Department of Biological Sciences, Aarhus University, Denmark

Supervisor: Professor Jens-Christian Svenning

Topic: What determines the global patterns of palm species diversity?

The postdoc candidate is expected to provide cutting-edge expertise in macroecological analyses and to have strong collaborative skills. Applicants should preferably have a PhD degree from a university outside Denmark.

Salary depends on seniority as agreed between the Danish Ministry of Finance and the Confederation of Professional Union, but is expected to be in the vicinity of 520.000 DKK ~ 69.000 Euros per year (before tax).

The position is officially announced here: <http://science.au.dk/en/positions-and-fellowships/academic-positions/>, where you will also find a link to the online application facility. The application deadline is October 19, 2009. If you apply, please also send an email to Professor Jens-Christian Svenning: svenning@biology.au.dk.

Postdoctoral positions and PhD studentships

Center of Macroecology, Evolution and Climate — Danish National Research Foundation — University of Copenhagen and Technical University of Denmark

Postdoctoral positions and PhD studentships in Macroecology, Biogeography, Evolution, Population Biology, Oceanographic Processes, Climate, Conservation Biology, and Environmental Economics

A number of positions are available to work within an integrated terrestrial and marine research program addressing fundamental questions on the origin, maintenance, conservation and future of life and biological diversity on Earth.

Candidates should have a strong publication record, relevant analytical and data handling skills, and an ability to communicate within a research team. Competitive salaries are offered.

Fuller descriptions of individual positions within 16 themes are at <http://www.bio.ku.dk/om/jobs>. Application must be based on the full description of the positions, and submitted before 31 of October. For enquiries about the program, contact Professor Carsten Rahbek, crahbek@bio.ku.dk.

Upcoming events

11th International Congress on the Zoogeography and Ecology of Greece and Adjacent Regions

21-25 September 2009 – Irakleion, Crete, Greece

<http://www.nhmc.uoc.gr/iczegar11/>

XIII World Forestry Congress

Forests in development. A vital balance

18-23 October 2009 – Buenos Aires, Argentina

<http://www.cfm2009.org/en/index.asp>

ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity 2009

21-23 October 2009 – Singapore

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

2nd DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference

Biodiversity and society: Understanding connections, adapting to change

13-16 October 2009 – Cape Town, South Africa

<http://www.diversitas-osc.org/>

BIOLIEF 2009

World Conference on Biological Invasions and Ecosystem Functioning

27-30 October 2009 – Porto, Portugal

<http://www.ciimar.up.pt/biolief/>

3rd International Barcode of Life Conference

9-13 November 2009 – Mexico City, Mexico

<http://dnabarcodes2009.org/>

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

TDWG 2009

Biodiversity Information Standards. e-Knowledge about biodiversity and agriculture

9-13 November 2009 – Montpellier, France

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

SAFARI Symposium

Remote Sensing and Fisheries

15-17 February 2010 – Kochi, India

<http://www.geosafari.org/kochi>

VI Southern Connection Congress

Gondwana reunited: a southern perspective for a changing world

15-19 February 2010 – Bariloche, Argentina

<http://www.scongress2010.com.ar/>

9th Meeting on Vegetation Databases

Vegetation databases and climate change

24-26 February 2010 – Hamburg, Germany

<http://netphyd.floraweb.de/?q=node/42>

2010 AAG Annual Meeting

Association of American Geographers

14-18 April 2010 – Washington DC, USA

<http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/>

The Evolution of Pacific Biota

20-22 May 2010 – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

<http://www.pacificscience.org/meetings.html>

7th European Dry Grassland Meeting

Succession, restoration and management of dry grasslands

28-31 May 2010 – Smolenice, Slovak Republic

<http://www.edgg.org>

95th ESA Annual Meeting

Ecological Society of America

1-6 August 2010 – Pittsburgh, USA

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

25th International Ornithological Congress

22-28 August 2010 – Campos do Jordão, Brasil

<http://www.ib.usp.br/25ioc/>

BES Annual Meeting 2010

British Ecological Society

7-9 September 2010 – Leeds, UK

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

VI Spanish congress of biogeography

7-11 September 2010 – Alicante, Spain

<http://web.ua.es/es/vi-congreso-biogeografia/>

5th International Conference of the International Biogeography Society

January 2011 – Crete, Greece

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

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