

## from the members

## Alan Graham awarded for his career

Alan Graham received the Asa Gray Award from the American Society of Plant Taxonomists (ASPT) and the Botanical Society of America's (BSA) Merit Award at their annual meetings in Snowbird, Utah, 2009. They were in recognition of 'his lifetime of perceptive study by which he laid the foundations for our concepts about the origins and history of tropical vegetation, greatly advanced the field of vegetation history, and the way in which we

should understand present distributions.' The awards were, in part, to commemorate publication later this year of *Late Cretaceous and Cenozoic History of Latin American Vegetation and Terrestrial Environments* (Missouri Botanical Garden Press, 2009).

See <http://www.mobot.org/mobot/research/curators/graham.shtml> for more information on Alan Graham's work.

## Job announcements

## Postdoctoral position

## Landscape Ecology Group, Dept. Ecology and Environmental Science, Umeå University

One **postdoctoral position** on effects of climate changes on the biodiversity of protected areas in the Barents region. The project has three major goals: (1) to assess whether the network of protected areas can conserve its species and ecosystem types, (2) to identify the major gaps in terms of providing stepping-stones or migration routes between reserves, and in representing natural variation, (3) to evaluate the economic consequences of alternative conservation strategies aiming at representing biodiversity. The position will start as soon as possible and last for about 20 months. For further information, contact prof. Christer Nilsson ([christer.nilsson@emg.umu.se](mailto:christer.nilsson@emg.umu.se)) or associate prof. Roland Jansson ([roland.jansson@emg.umu.se](mailto:roland.jansson@emg.umu.se)).

The complete application should be sent to [jobb@umu.se](mailto:jobb@umu.se) (marked with the reference 315-1076-09 as subject) or to the Registrar, Umeå University, SE-901 87 Umeå, Sweden to arrive January 7, 2010 at the latest. For more information see [www.emg.umu.se/en](http://www.emg.umu.se/en).

## Lecturer in Plant Ecology

## Lund University

A position of a Tenure-track Lecturer in Plant Ecology within the Department of Ecology is now being advertised. See full details at <http://www.planteco.lu.se/lecturer091123.pdf>.

## 1 Postdoctoral and 2 PhD positions

## Jetz Lab, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB), Yale University

One **2-3 year postdoctoral position** in Biodiversity Science and Informatics is available starting between January and July 2010. We are looking for an expert in the analysis, management, and visualization of large quantities of spatial (and phylogenetic) biodiversity data. One specific research opportunity is an assessment of the fate of East African terrestrial vertebrates under climate change. Please email short letter of interest, C.V., and the names and contact details of three referees (ideally all combined in one pdf) to [walter.jetz@yale.edu](mailto:walter.jetz@yale.edu) – subject line: Biodiversity Postdoc.

Up to **two fully-funded PhD positions** in Ecology, Biogeography and Conservation are available starting Fall 2010. We are interested in students with research experience who are excited about interdisciplinary work spanning a range of ecological scales. Applicants should have a strong interest in combining theory, data analysis and modeling, and potentially fieldwork to address questions in Community ecology, Community phylogenetics, Geographical ecology, Movement ecology, Biodiversity science, Biogeography, and Global change ecology. See <http://www.yale.edu/eeb/grad/index.htm> and <http://www.yale.edu/graduate-school/admissions/index.html>.

A complete description of the applications is available at the IBS blog (<http://biogeography.blogspot.com/>). See <http://www.yale.edu/jetz> for further information.

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](mailto:ibs@mncn.csic.es) and [frontiersofbiogeography@gmail.com](mailto:frontiersofbiogeography@gmail.com).

## 5 Postdoctoral, 2 PhD and 1 Science Officer positions

### BioFresh - Biodiversity of Freshwater Ecosystems – several European institutions

BioFresh is a large, integrative EU-funded 4-year project aiming to build a public freshwater biodiversity information platform, provide spatially-explicit information on the status and trends of freshwater biodiversity and its ecosystem services, and predict future responses of freshwater biodiversity and its services to climate and socioeconomic pressures. Eight positions are offered in total:

1 PhD-position — Climate Change on Lake Ecosystems Based on Long-Term Records — Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, Berlin, Germany (IGB, [www.igb-berlin.de](http://www.igb-berlin.de)) (contact: [adrian@igb-berlin.de](mailto:adrian@igb-berlin.de), [tockner@igb-berlin.de](mailto:tockner@igb-berlin.de))

1 PostDoc-Position — Global Change Impacts on Freshwater Biodiversity — IGB (contact: [tockner@igb-berlin.de](mailto:tockner@igb-berlin.de); [freyhof@igb-berlin.de](mailto:freyhof@igb-berlin.de))

1 PostDoc-Position — Ecosystem Modeling — Swiss Federal Institute for Aquatic Science and Technology ([www.eawag.ch](http://www.eawag.ch)) (contact: [gessner@eawag.ch](mailto:gessner@eawag.ch))

1 PostDoc-Position — Effects of Global Change on Freshwater Biodiversity Patterns — University of Barcelona, Spain (contact: [bonada@ub.edu](mailto:bonada@ub.edu))

1 PhD-position — Groundwater Biodiversity Patterns and Trends — Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Ecolo-

gie des Hydrosystèmes Fluviaux, France (contact: [ma-lard@univ-lyon1.fr](mailto:ma-lard@univ-lyon1.fr), [christophe.douady@univ-lyon1.fr](mailto:christophe.douady@univ-lyon1.fr))

1 PostDoc-Position — Determinants of Freshwater Diversity and Impact of Human Disturbance — University Toulouse 3, France (<http://www.edb.ups-tlse.fr/>) (contact: [brosse@cict.fr](mailto:brosse@cict.fr))

1 PostDoc-Position — Freshwater Macroecology — Museum of Natural History in Paris, France (contact: [oberdorf@mnhn.fr](mailto:oberdorf@mnhn.fr))

1 Science Officer — Establishing a web portal that will provide free and open access to relevant data sources and bioinformatics tools — Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (contact: [hendrik.segers@natural-sciences.be](mailto:hendrik.segers@natural-sciences.be))

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## Postdoctoral Position

### Carleton University

A postdoctoral position in Spatial Ecological Modelling is available at Carleton University. The objective of the research is to build a set of hypotheses that predict the spatial scale over which landscape structure affects population dynamics. The position is available for up to three years, beginning April 2010, at a salary commensurate with an NSERC PDF. enquiries: [lenore\\_fahrig@carleton.ca](mailto:lenore_fahrig@carleton.ca).

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## Upcoming events

### UNESCO IYB Biodiversity Science-Policy Conference

Session on Conservation Biogeography in association with the IBS

25-29 January 2010 – Paris, France

<http://www.unesco.org/en/biodiversity>

### 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.sccongress2010.com.ar/>

### 9th Meeting on Vegetation Databases

Vegetation databases and climate change

24-26 February 2010 – Hamburg, Germany

<http://www.botanik.uni-greifswald.de/>

### 2010 AAG Annual Meeting

Association of American Geographers

14-18 April 2010 – Washington DC, USA

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

### 19th Workshop of the European Vegetation Survey

Flora, vegetation, environment and landuse at large scale

29 April - 2 May 2010 – Pécs, Hungary

<http://www.obki.hu/evs/>