

TROPICAL ECOLOGY GROUP, MAY 2008 (number 2)

Summary:

- 1) TEG at the BES annual meeting – book before 19th May for Early Bird rates!
 - a) Tropical thematic topic – full program below
 - b) Guided tour of Kew tropical houses confirmed – social event
- 2) Journal highlights

1) TEG AT THE BES ANNUAL MEETING

3 - 5 SEPTEMBER 2008, IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON, UK.

Register online BEFORE 19th May for Early Bird rates:

http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/articles/meetings/current/2008_annualmeeting

a) Thematic Topic: INTEGRATING GENETIC AND BIOGEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH: THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING DIVERSITY IN THE TROPICS?

Keynote: **Toby Pennington** "Using plant phylogenies to understand the historical assembly of tropical forests"

Wolfgang Wurster "Comparative phylogeography of African venomous snakes: is there a pattern?"

Cathy Walton "Comparative phylogeography of forest-dependent mosquitoes in SE Asia"

Nathalie Seddon "Avian diversity in the Neotropics: genes, geography and behaviour"

Simon Queenborough "Sex and diversity: why do some tropical forests have so many species of dioecious tree?"

A. Twyford "Biogeography of Rhododendron subgenus Vireya: a test of Wallace's Line"

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b) Social event ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS KEW

Details to follow soon regarding guided tour of tropical houses and herbarium.

2) HIGHLIGHTS FROM: BES JOURNALS AND TEG MEMBERS

Journal of Ecology. OnlineEarly

[Rhizobial mediation of *Acacia* adaptation to soil salinity: evidence of underlying trade-offs and tests of expected patterns](#)

Peter H. Thrall, James D. Bever and Jo F. Slattery

Journal of Applied Ecology. OnlineEarly

[Structure and conservation of Sri Lankan land-snail assemblages in fragmented lowland rainforest and village home gardens](#)

D. C. Raheem, F. Naggs, R. C. Preece, Y. Mapatuna, L. Kariyawasam and P. Eggleton

Journal of Animal Ecology. OnlineEarly

[Rainfall influences on ungulate population abundance in the Mara-Serengeti ecosystem](#)

J. O. Ogutu, H.-P. Piepho, H. T. Dublin, N. Bhola and R. S. Reid

[Cheetahs of the deep sea: deep foraging sprints in short-finned pilot whales off Tenerife \(Canary Islands\)](#)

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