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Also, remember that there is an opportunity to interact with other tropical researchers on our Facebook group (search British Ecological Society Tropical Ecology Group). Feel free to use Facebook or these e-mails to highlight your research (publications, special issues), teaching (courses available) or opportunities (PhD, post-doc, lecturer or Professor...). I hope you all have a fun festive period and good luck for the New Year!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

William

- 1) *****3RD BES-TEG EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER MEETING*****
- 2nd CALL FOR ABSTRACTS -

JUST CONFIRMED:

****Lloyd Peck – NERC Biodiversity theme leader will be speaking****
*****50% discount for students – limited availability, details soon!*****

Plenary Speakers:

Robin Chazdon (University of Connecticut)
Charles Sheppard (University of Warwick)

Manchester Metropolitan University

30th & 31st March 2009

Registration: £60 before 31st Jan 2009; £70 after this date
(En suite B & B accommodation available for £39.50)

Abstract closing date 31st January 2009

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2) TEG POST-GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE - VACANCY

This position provides the opportunity for a graduate student to actively engage with the group, gain experience of administering funds, organise activities and develop the role as they see fit!

Taking on this role will help to build your CV and expand your academic network.
ENTHUSIASUM FOR TROPICAL RESEARCH IS ESSENTIAL but no prior experience necessary!

If you are interested contact: William Gosling (w.d.gosling@open.ac.uk).

3) NERC FUNDED PHD STUDENTSHIPS – THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences (Open University)

[One million years of environmental change in Africa: Implications for hominid evolution](#)

Contact: Dr William Gosling (w.d.gosling@open.ac.uk)

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/jobs/YB270/>

Interviews will be held on 26 and 27 February 2009

4) CRUCIBLE - EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER OPPORTUNITY

What could you achieve if you put your heads together?

Ever wondered what a space scientist and a biologist might have in common or how an artist could help a particle physicist? Crucible is your chance to stop wondering and discover what great minds, inspiring speakers and creative thinkers can do when they spend three weekends together.

For further information visit: <http://www.nesta.org.uk/crucible/>

5) TOPICAL TROPICAL...

"Peru aims for zero deforestation" (BBC 7th December 2008)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/7768226.stm>

6) HIGHLIGHTS FROM: BES JOURNALS AND TEG MEMBERS

a) Review of Palaeobotany and Palynology, *Volume 153, Issues 1-2, 2009*,

Pages 70-85

[Differentiation between Neotropical rainforest, dry forest, and savannah ecosystems by their modern pollen spectra and implications for the fossil pollen record](#)

William D. Gosling, Francis E. Mayle, Nicholas J. Tate, Timothy J. Killeen

[doi:10.1016/j.revpalbo.2008.06.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.revpalbo.2008.06.007)

b) Journal of Ecology, Volume 97, Issue 1, 2009.

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121562680/issue>

Pages: 97-108

Understanding the dynamics of an undisturbed tropical rain forest from the spatial pattern of trees

Nicolas Picard, Avner Bar-Hen, Frédéric Mortier, Joël Chadoeuf

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121481373/abstract>

Published Online: 24 Oct 2008

DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2745.2008.01445.x

Pages: 186-197

Interspecific variation in seedling responses to seed limitation and habitat conditions for 14

Neotropical woody species

Natalia Norden, Jérôme Chave, Pierre Belbenoit, Adeline Caubère, Patrick Châtelet, Pierre-

Michel Forget, Bernard Riéra, Jérôme Viers, Christophe Thébaud

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121481380/abstract>

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