

present: Will Gosling, Markus Eichorn, Simon Queenborough, 20+ others!

Summary of points raised:

1. Reasons for existence of TEG
  - access to BES resources
  - proposal of Thematic sessions at BES meetings
  - enhancing and coordinating tropical work/talks etc within BES
  - thoughts about breadth of members interests and how to address these
2. Training day for ?students in e.g. tree climbing, collecting techniques (plants, insects, etc.).  
? on day before/after next BES meeting.
3. Proposal of Thematic session for next BES: Advances in tropical paleoecology.
4. Linking with other tropical/conservation groups:
  - UK/European chapter of ATBC - contact Robin Chazdon
  - link with other European tropical groups, esp. German (GTO): meeting at Bremen in 3 weeks
  - BIOTA project (german) [www.biota-africa.de](http://www.biota-africa.de)
  - SCB: this has different emphasis and more concerned with conservation within region of group.
5. Problems of meetings timetable clashes and organisation
6. Future development of TEG:
  - advert in (e-)Bulletin to join TEG (with contact details, specialization to develop links between and database of tropical researchers in UK)
  - TEG webpage (?with forum) to aid interactions and discussion.
7. Postgrad meeting ?at Leeds to help development of presentation skills, contacts between postgrads etc.
8. other people interested in helping:

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ACTIONS:

1. Thematic session: Will to propose with BES, and organise speakers etc.
2. Training day: Markus? to coordinate/manage
3. BES: Will to send out 'flyer' asking for contact details of those interested in receiving details of

TEG.

4. Will to investigate development of TEG webpage at OU or BES.

5. Geertje? to investigate hosting of postgrad meeting at Leeds

6. ? to raise issue of timetable clashes at BES committee meeting

7. Simon? to contact Robin Chazdon to investigate possibility of EU chapter of ATBC