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New Developments

BioNET-CARINET: Obituary: Mr Michael Philip, Chair, Coordinating Committee

From Ron Barrow, Regional Coordinator, BioNET-CARINET: Michael Philip, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of CARINET, passed away on Tuesday 13th March 2007 at his home in Barbados after a brief illness. He was 51 years old. His passing has been a shock to us all in the CARINET fraternity knowing how robust and outgoing he was. Barbados and the Caribbean have lost a gifted and dedicated son. May he network with the angels. [More...](#)

BioNET: African Consultation - International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity.

Professor Amos Akingbohunge of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria represented BioNET at the African Regional Consultation of the Consultative Process towards an International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity (IMoSEB). Read Professor Akingbohunge's [report. More...](#) **Tel:** +44 (0) 1491 829036, **Fax:** +44 (0) 1491 829082, **Email:** bionet@bionet-intl.org

G8 environment ministers adopt the Potsdam Initiative on Biological Diversity

In launching the Initiative on 17th March, Ministers made a number of commitments including (1) initiating a process of analysing the global economic benefit of biological diversity, (2) building on ongoing efforts at gathering and making available information on all known species, (3) supporting the ongoing consultative process on an international mechanism for providing scientific advice (IMoSEB), (4) supporting the activities of the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) and (5) stepping up and better integrating biodiversity issues into development co-operation. Click [here](#) for details.

First GBIF project in Tanzania

The first project in the Capacity Enhancement Programme for Developing Countries (CEPDEC) of GBIF is a cooperative effort between Tanzania, Denmark and GBIF with the overall vision of mobilising and using biodiversity information to build a sustainable future. [More...](#)

Chinese Academy boosts south-south science activities

The Chinese Academy of Sciences, China's largest research body, will conduct more activities with other developing countries to help them build their scientific and technological capacity. [More...](#) *Source:* SciDev.net

New initiative to fight livestock disease launched

A new initiative has been launched in Nairobi, Kenya to address the many diseases affecting livestock in the developing world. The Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary

Medicines (GALVmed) aims to develop new vaccines, treatments and diagnostics for livestock. [More...](#) Source: [SciDev.net](#)

Online guide for identifying fruits and seeds

The United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) is providing a database to help identify the world's many fruits and seeds. The database contains 418 families of seed plants and more than 300 morphological characters. To access the database click [here](#). Source: CropBiotech

E.O. Wilson: winner of TED - Technology Entertainment Design prize, 2007

One of the world's most prominent scientists, E.O. Wilson, was one of the winners of the 2007 [TED](#) Prize. Each winner has been granted one world-changing wish. E.O. Wilson's wish: "I wish that we will work together to help create the key tool that we need to inspire preservation of Earth's biodiversity: the Encyclopedia of Life. This planet can be a paradise in the 22nd century."

Networking website for scientists

The Nature Publishing Group recently launched a free online networking website for scientists worldwide, called "Nature Network". The website hopes to help scientists meet other researchers, hold online discussions, showcase their work via personal homepages, and share information. To access the database click [here](#). Source: CropBiotech Update.

Events | Only newly posted events are listed here. For a full listing, click [here](#).

9-11 May 2007

1st International Conference: Towards sustainable global health, Bonn, Germany
[Conference details](#). **Contact:** Jens Marson, **Email:** marson.ihdp@uni-bonn.de

29-30 May 2007

International conference: Biodiversity Informatics and the Barcode of Life, Denmark.
[More...](#)

2-6 July 2007

VI International Convention on Environment and Development and I Congress On Ecosystem and Biodiversity Management, Havana, Cuba. Contact: Raquel Rossis, Email: congresodb@ecologia.cu | raquel@ecologia.cu | direccion.ies@ama.cu. [Website](#).

14-16 July 2007

Mediterranean symposium - Origin and evolution of biota in Mediterranean climate zones: an integrative vision, University of Zürich, Switzerland. Contact: Email: ContiElena_AT_access.unizh.ch [More...](#)

18-22 July 2007

12th International Conference on Environmental Evaluation and Transport: Concepts, Tools and Methods, Switzerland. **Contact:** **Tel:** 1 (514) 288-2663, **Fax:** 1 (514) 288-7701, **Email:** sifee@sifee.org

30 July-10 August 2007

Tercenary of Carl Linnaeus, Uppsala, Sweden, To celebrate the tercenary of Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778), Uppsala University is offering a summer course for international participants. For information click [here](#).

Publications

New publications from CABI

*Sustainable Forestry: From Monitoring and Modelling to Knowledge Management and Policy Science

*Seeds: Biology, Development and Ecology

Email: orders@cabi.org

International Foundation for Science (IFS) eNews No. 18

To read this issue click [here](#).

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Grants

European Science Foundation (ESF): EuroBioForum Call for Expressions of Interest

Members of the life sciences research and funding communities are invited to submit Expressions of Interest for life science research themes that demand a coordinated European approach for their financing and implementation. For Call for Expressions of Interest in pdf [click](#) here. **Closing date:** 28 May 2007. **Contact: Email:** Dr. Wouter Spek at wspek@esf.org | Dr. Fiona Kernan at fkernan@esf.org **Tel:** +33 (0)388 76 21 50, **Fax:** +33 (0)388 76 71 80.

Rothamsted International: The African Fellows Programme: Call for Pre-Proposals

The aim of the African Fellows Programme (AFP) is to support sustainable agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa by catalysing innovative solutions needed to achieve food security. Projects should aim to develop lasting partnerships and strategic alliances that will help in developing local scientific capacity relevant to sustainable agricultural production. For further details and guidelines click [here](#). **Closing date:** 22 June 2007.

Email: rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk **Fax:** +44-1582-467490

Volkswagen Foundation: Call for Proposals

The Volkswagen Foundation calls for pre-proposals on the theme: "Resources, Livelihood Management, Reforms, and Processes of Structural Change" in Subsaharan Africa.

[Details](#). **Closing date:** 30 April 2007

Contact: Tel: +49 (0) 511 8381 389, **Fax:** +49 (0) 511 8381 344, **Email:** hanne@volkswagenstiftung.de

European Science Foundation (ESF): Exploratory Workshops 2007 - Call for Proposals

Each year the ESF supports approximately 50 Exploratory Workshops across all scientific domains. The focus of the scheme is on projects aiming to open up new directions in research or to explore emerging research fields with potential impact on new developments in science. Awards are for workshops to be held in the calendar year 2008 (1 January - 31 December). [More...](#) **Closing date:** 27 April 2007

International Foundation for Science (IFS) Call for Applications

A new application period is now open and IFS calls for applications for Research Grants from young scientists in developing countries. Details of eligibility criteria, areas of scientific research covered and application forms are available on the IFS [Website](#).

Closing date: 30 June 2007

Vacancies

CABI – Coordinator, Invasive Species

CABI Africa is seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the above position. The position will be based in Nairobi. [Details](#). **Email:** M.Odhiambo@CABI.ORG **Deadline:** 20 April 2007

Contract web developer needed for INOTAXA project

A contract position is open at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (USA) for someone to work on the INOTAXA project. The contractor must have web development and informatics skills and at least some knowledge of biological taxonomy. The INOTAXA (INtegrated Open TAXonomic Access) project is developing a web-based workspace where taxonomy-related information and data from different sources can be accessed together in a context required by the user. For full details click [here](#). **Tel:** +1-202 633 0846 **Email:** weitzman@si.edu

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