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New Developments

BioNET: Linnaeus at 300 - BioNET launches funding campaign

23 May 2007 was the 300th anniversary of the birth in Sweden of Carl Linnaeus, the "father of modern taxonomy". For all who value taxonomy, it was a day to celebrate the work and legacy of a remarkable man and [the myriad of ways](#) in which taxonomy contributes to science and society. If Linnaeus were with us today, we expect he would share BioNET's goal that the benefits of taxonomy are accessible to all, not only those in the strong and emerging economies. To continue publishing this Bulletin and delivering the capacity building elements of our unique global programme, we need the help of our Bulletin readers. [More...](#)

CBD launches Linnaeus lecture series

On 23 May 2007, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity marked the 300th anniversary of the birth of Carl Linnaeus by launching the CBD Linnaeus Lecture Series. Inaugural lectures were given by Mr. Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and by Mr. Peter Bridgewater, Secretary-General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands - [presentation-7MB](#). [More...](#)

The Economist on Linnaeus and species inflation

"No science in the world is more elevated, more necessary and more useful than economics." That was the view of Carl Linnaeus, a Swedish naturalist, born three centuries ago, who is better remembered for devising the system used to this day to classify living organisms. See [article](#) and [responses](#). *Source: Economist.com*

A guide to the Linnaean species occurring in Western Australia

To commemorate Linnaeus birthday on 23 May, the Western Australian Herbarium has produced 'A guide to the Linnaean species occurring in Western Australia' - a listing of plant and fungal species originally described by Linnaeus and native or naturalised in Western Australia, linked to more detailed information on each taxon in 'FloraBase - the Western Australian Flora'. [See...](#)

Internet encyclopaedia to feature all 1.8 known million species

From apples to zebras, all 1.8 million known plant, fungi, microbes and animal species will be listed in an Internet-based "Encyclopaedia of Life". The 10-year scheme has been launched with initial grants of \$12.5 million from two U.S.-based foundations. [More...](#)
Source: Reuters UK

Brazil: The first official invasive alien species list

The environmental agency of Parana State, in the South of Brazil, has just published the

first official invasive alien species list in the country. Most of the data that makes up the list came out of the I3N Brazil Database managed by the Horus Institute and The Nature Conservancy. This is an important step forward in the recognition of biological invasion issues and a pioneer effort even at the continental level. [More...](#)

Does biodiversity have a price?

Biodiversity is a complex issue, says Camilla Toulmin, and the G8 report on its economic value faces many challenges. [More...](#) Source: IIED/SciDev.net

New Executive Secretary of GBIF

BioNET, as a member of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, [GBIF](#), warmly welcomes the appointment of Dr Nick King as the next GBIF Executive Secretary. Dr King was Director of BioNET, 1999-2003.

CBD: Establishment of an online repository of biodiversity photographs

Due to the growing number of requests for biodiversity-related photographs to be used in education, publication, outreach and awareness activities, the CBD Secretariat has decided to establish an album of photos that will be available online. The Secretariat is especially interested in photos that illustrate the theme of next year's International Day for Biodiversity: *Biodiversity and Agriculture*. Read the [Notification](#).

Bacteria 'could be recruited to attack malaria'

Scientists have identified a type of bacteria in mosquitoes that carry malaria, which could be used to attack the parasite. [More...](#) Source: [SciDev.Net](#)

African ecologists unite for environment

East African scientists have united in a bid to protect the region's ecology and biodiversity from changing climatic conditions, the invasion of pests, and unsustainable development. [More...](#) Source: [SciDev.net](#)

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

9-10 July 2007

Second international conference of Environmental Sciences: The role of Genetics and Biotechnology in Conservation of Natural Resources, Ismailia, Egypt

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16-23 September 2007

Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG): Annual Conference 2007, Bratislava, Slovakia
Hosted by the Department of Zoology of the Comenius University. **Contact:** Adrian
Rissoné **Email:** [A.Rissone\(at\)nhm.ac.uk](mailto:A.Rissone(at)nhm.ac.uk). [More...](#)

23-27 September 2007

15th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
[More...](#)

4-8 October 2007

Third annual workshop on plant protection and related issues, Lalitpur, Nepal.

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22-26 October 2007

The 8th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, Alotau,

Papua New Guinea. [More...](#)

25-28 February 2008

The Second International Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB 2), Galway, Ireland. [Full details](#)

18—22 May 2008

The 16th Australian Weeds Conference: "Weed Management 2008 - Hot Topics in the Tropics", Cairns, Australia. [More...](#)

22-26 September 2008

VI International Scientific Seminar of Plant Health: "Plant health for the environmental sustainability", Havana Convention Palace, Cuba

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Publications

Knowledge as a Global Public Good: Joseph E. Stiglitz, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist

The purpose of the paper is to review the concept of global public goods, to explain the sense in which knowledge is a public good, and to explore the implications for international public policy that derive from the fact that knowledge is a global public good. [More...](#)

Biodiversity information projects of the world

The Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG) website has published a listing of [Biodiversity information projects of the world](#). Contributions welcome.

New publications from CABI

*Marine Ecotourism: Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea. Ecotourism Book Series No. 6

*Cross-sectoral Policy Developments in Forestry

*The Public, The Media & Agricultural Biotechnology

Email: orders@cabi.org

Grants

Request for Proposals: The IABIN Specimen and Species Thematic Network

Request for Proposals (RfP) for Specimen 2007, both in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to digitize specimen data. Closing date: 3 August 2007. **Contact:** **Tel:** +507 317 1993, **Fax:** +507 317 1992, **Email:** rbesana@iabin.net | emata@inbio.ac.cr

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