

Dealing with Diversity

The University of
Nottingham

British Ecological Society – Tropical Ecology Group meeting and workshop 7-9th April 2010, University of Nottingham

Plenary speakers: Prof. Anne Chao (National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan)
Dr Owen Lewis (University of Oxford)
Dr Francis Gilbert (University of Nottingham)

Deadline for abstracts: 10th March

Deadline for registration*: 24th March

* Accommodation is limited so please book early (www.britishecologicalsociety.org/tropical).

Meeting outline

IUCN declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity. In response, the Tropical Ecology Group Annual Meeting will focus on **the description and analysis of hyper-diverse communities**.

7-8th April (note we start at lunch time on 7th April): our 4th annual Early-Career Researchers' meeting. We will accept talks or posters on the meeting theme or any topic within tropical ecology. Priority will be given to PhD students and post-doctoral researchers. Talks are 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes for questions. Our poster session will be sponsored by Journal of Tropical Ecology. On the second evening we will have a dinner with live Congolese music.

9th April: a one-day workshop introducing techniques for diversity analysis. In the morning Prof. Anne Chao will teach local diversity analysis methods, including various species richness estimators that bear her name, using her SPADE (Species Prediction And Diversity Estimation) software. In the afternoon, Dr Richard Field will teach diversity analysis methods that address spatial autocorrelation, using a series of exercises developed with Prof. Alexandre Diniz-Filho, using the software SAM (Spatial Analysis in Macroecology), developed by Diniz-Filho's group. (NB Alexandre is unfortunately no longer able to be with us in person.) Delegates are welcome to bring their own data; teaching datasets will also be supplied. The workshops will finish by 6pm.

Costs for delegates will be as follows (students can apply for financial support from BES):

TEG Early-Career Researchers' Meeting	£60
One-day methods workshop	£60
Discount for attending both	£20
En-suite accommodation	£40 per night

Financial support for students from developing countries: the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) has generously offered to provide assistance towards the costs of attendance for students from developing countries (even if based in the UK or EU). If you would like to apply for a grant then please contact the organisers in advance (teg2010@nottingham.ac.uk).

For details of abstract submission and registration, or more general enquiries, please see the Tropical Ecology Group website at www.britishecologicalsociety.org/tropical or contact teg2010@nottingham.ac.uk.