

Frugivory Updates 41

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Apologies for the long absence of Frugivory Updates, but I guess you've all been kept occupied internet-wise with the developments of the 5th International Symposium/Workshop in Montpellier, which I very regrettably had to miss but understand was a great success

EUROPE

The big news is of course the recent Symposium/Workshop, and I can't do better than direct you to the website: <http://www.fsd2010.org/>

I asked Pierre if he is taking some time off now. Having myself worked until 3.00am every morning and risen to continue at 6.00am, fielding about 80 emails a day, for a full week just prior to the 2005 symposium here in Brisbane, I had some idea of how exhausted he might be now (I promised myself two days away from home where I couldn't see anything that looked like work after the 2005 symposium, and much appreciated having kept that promise to myself). However, he's still hard at it, as you will see below.

For the sake of those who simply can't afford to travel to symposia or are unable for other reasons, Pierre and team have decided to run some online discussions which sound very exciting.

From Pierre:

Attendance at symposia and meetings is often limited to the few dozens or couple of hundred participants who are able to travel to conferences located hundred to thousands of kilometers away from their home town. It is thus unfair for many students and academics who are interested in the theme, but unable to attend, and who might need to wait one, two or even several more years to read the proceedings in an edited book or published volumes, many presentations remaining unknown for years before their publication. At FSD2010, we thus decided to use modern technology and the internet to make the entire symposium accessible on line through a virtual symposium. This has a cost, and we ask virtual participants to register and pay a modest fee (30 €), which will allow the non-profit organization ATBC2008 Association to support the virtual symposium, and to insure protection (access via login) of both the oral and poster papers presented in Montpellier between 14-17 June 2010

Once the overhead cost of this virtual symposium is paid, I will make it free for students and academics from countries with low income.

It would be great if as many as possible heeded the call to register and pay for this online symposium as soon as possible, partly to get started with lots of great discussion and exchange of ideas and information, and partly to support this very worthwhile cause of helping to make the same accessible to those in very economically-poor countries who at present would find it very difficult to even find that 30 Euros.

Good work Pierre, and I'll look forward to seeing it all happening! Visit http://www.fsd2010.org/Virtual_Symposium.htm for details

AFRICA

F&SD 2015

The next Symposium/Workshop (2015) will be in South Africa.

From the website:

After organizing the 5th International Symposium-Workshop on Frugivores and Seed Dispersal (1985-2010) in Montpellier, France, Pierre-Michel Forget (Chair of FSD2010) and the ATBC2008 Association will help the organizers of the next FSD Symposium in South Africa with the edition of the FSD2015 website. This page is preliminary and will be updated by the organizers of the Symposium-Workshop. FSD2015 will be held in South Africa and the chair is Pr. [Colleen Downs](#) from the [University of KwaZulu-Natal](#).

The FSD2015 Academic Committee : Dennis Hansen, **Colleen Downs (Chair)**, Nina Farwig, Shumpei Kitamura, Renee Borges & Pierre-Michel Forget (WebEditor-ATBC2008 Association) - (c) Irene Mendoza

ATBC 2011

The Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation will hold its next conference in Tanzania in 2011

IOnce again, funding is badly needed. If you can help out, even in a small way, please contact Pierre on fsd2010@yahoo.fr

Another apology - this is a very short Frugivory Updates, but I'm going through a rather hectic time, and want to get the above messages out to you all as soon as possible.

I hope Issue 42 will not be too far away, so please send me any news of current, planned or recently completed relevant projects or events, or any queries you'd like to put to the readership. New readers might also like to send a paragraph or two introducing themselves.

Cheers

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