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## President's Column

-- David Cairns, BSG President, 2011-13



Over the past several years, I have been struck by the credentials of early career biogeographers as they enter the job market. The number and quality of publications are going up, but with the economic down-turn affecting so many colleges and universities, jobs for biogeographers are scarce. At the same time, opportunities for networking and career development for early career scientists across disciplines seem to be proliferating (e.g. Operation CRETE from the Spring 2011 issue of The Biogeographer).

I propose that it is now time to think about formalizing a group that is dedicated to the professionalization and networking of early career biogeographers. The purpose of this group would be to help early career biogeographers build professional networks that lead to improving their resumes and hopefully improve their job prospects. As a potential model for such an organization, I would like to draw your attention to the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists ([www.apecs.is](http://www.apecs.is)).

Polar science is highly international. Many questions that are of interest to polar researchers are either pan-Arctic in scope or span both poles. There are few questions regarding how polar environments may respond to climate change that are not relevant to scales above the local. As a consequence polar research is highly integrative, and highly collaborative. Collaborations are often international and comparative studies among regions are becoming the norm. It is important for early career researchers to be exposed to this mode of scholarship and the best way to do this is through attending international meetings and workshops that foster connections among early career scientists. That is where a group like APECS comes in. The mission of APECS is to create an environment in which young scientists can grow intellectually through interaction with an international set of mentors. APECS conducts webinars, has an active website which serves as a clearinghouse of information, and sponsors workshops at major international meetings. My students have benefited tremendously from participating in APECS sponsored activities. For example, one of my students recently was invited to participate in a workshop sponsored by the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and organized by APECS members. This workshop was held in Switzerland and involved students and recent PhDs from Canada, Denmark, Poland, Switzerland, the UK and the US. The goal is the production of a high quality paper or set of papers that could not have been produced by any of the participants individually. As biogeographers, I think we have the tools necessary to develop a group like APECS but for biogeographers that will strengthen the discipline. There are opportunities to link together with the International Biogeography Society to broaden the base beyond Geography to our cognate disciplines.

At the 2012 Annual meeting of the AAG, I have organized a panel with the title “Networking and Professionalization Opportunities for Early Career Biogeographers”. It is scheduled at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 27 in Madison Suite, Second Floor, Hilton. I hope that many of you can attend the panel and that we have a productive discussion that will lead to increased opportunities for our early career scholars. Bring your coffee and we’ll do our best to make sure that you don’t regret having joined us for an early morning panel!

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# Graduate Student Representative Column

-- Clayton Whitesides, BSG Graduate Student Representative 2011-12



Greetings from Texas! I'm the new Biogeography Specialty Group graduate student representative for 2011-2012. I am a current Ph.D. student in the Department of Geography at Texas State University-San Marcos and my research interests focus on disturbance and vegetation dynamics in mountain environments. As the acting voice of the BSG student community, I'd like to thank Arvind Bhuta for his service as last year's graduate student representative.

I'm coordinating a panel session at the 2012 Annual AAG meeting in New York City titled, "Optimizing your Curriculum Vitae" on Monday, February 27th from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Madison Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY. Prospective students applying for graduate school, recent graduates applying for jobs, and early career faculty working toward tenure are often first evaluated by their CVs. Therefore, it is vital that your CV represent you well and help you receive the attention you deserve. I'm assembling a group of biogeographers at various stages in their careers to share their collective knowledge on the subject. Please spread the word among undergraduate and graduate students and any early career faculty who are interested in garnering more attention through their CVs.

The BSG is sponsoring many sessions at the upcoming AAG meeting. These sessions provide excellent opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to network and understand the current trends and advances in biogeography. Please make an effort to attend and support the discipline.

Lastly, if you are a student member of the BSG and would like to join the BSG student listserv, please email Chad Lane at [lanec@uncw.edu](mailto:lanec@uncw.edu). As your student representative to the BSG, please email me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. My email address is [cw1394@txstate.edu](mailto:cw1394@txstate.edu).

Have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in New York!

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# Awards and Competitions

## James J. Parsons Award for Distinguished Career in Biogeography & Henry Cowles Award for Excellence in Publication in Biogeography

-- Lynn Resler, BSG Board Member 2010-12 and Awards Organizer



Please consider nominating deserving colleagues for the 2012 Henry Cowles Award for Excellence in Publication or the 2012 James J. Parsons Distinguished Career Award. The Cowles Award honors the best paper or book published in biogeography each year. The Parsons Award, named in honor of the 20th century biogeographer and cultural geographer Jim Parsons, is awarded to recognize the careers and contributions of distinguished biogeographers.

To submit a nomination for the Cowles Award, please simply send the name of the person you are nominating, along with the name of their paper or book that **was published in 2011**. A \*.pdf file of the

nominated work as an attachment would also be appreciated.

To nominate a person for the Parsons Award, send a short letter of nomination stating some of the candidate's most significant achievements. The nomination deadline for both awards is **February 1, 2012**. Information can be submitted via snail mail, email (strongly preferred!) or

fax to: Dr. Lynn M. Resler

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Blacksburg, VA 24061, U.S.A.

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Thank you for taking the time to recognize important contributions to the field of biogeography!

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## 2011 BSG Board Elections

-- Kurt Kipfmüller, BSG Board Member 2010-12 and Elections Organizer



Call for Nominations: 2012 BSG Board Elections  
The Biogeography Specialty Group of the AAG invites nominations for board membership. This winter we will be electing two executive committee member positions. The student representative position on the board is also open for nominations, although Clayton Whitesides remains eligible to continue to serve a second term. Service of the executive board members is for two years and the student representative serves one year.

Please send nominations for any of these positions

(specifying the position of interest) to Kurt Kipfmüller at [kurt@umn.edu](mailto:kurt@umn.edu) no later than **Friday January 6**. Voting will take place between Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>. Elections results will be announced at our annual specialty group board meeting in New York.

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## 2011 Student Presentation Awards, National AAG Meeting

-- **Ross Meentemeyer**, BSG Board Member 2011-13 and Student Presentation Awards Coordinator



The Biogeography Specialty Group has extended the deadline for participation in the **2012 BSG student paper competitions**. If you are presenting a paper in New York that you would like to be judged in the competition, please email the *application form*, a *copy of the abstract submitted to AAG*, and your *PIN number* to Dr. Ross Meentemeyer ([rkmeente@uncc.edu](mailto:rkmeente@uncc.edu)). The extended deadline for submission is **January 6, 2012**.

Competition for the awards is open to undergraduate and graduate students (including those receiving their Ph.D. within a year after the dissertation defense).

### Award Categories

Undergraduate/Masters student paper

Ph.D. student paper

The student must be either the sole author or the primary author of the paper, and must be the presenter at the meeting. Illustrated posters are not eligible for either award.

Judging criteria include: the significance and originality of the research question, the creativity and the quality of the methodology, the validity of the conclusions drawn from the results and the clarity of the presentation. Confirmation of receipt of your application will be sent by email.

The Biogeography Specialty Group is sponsoring two student paper competitions (Undergraduate/Master's and Ph.D. levels) at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Seattle. Please consider attending these paper presentations, which will highlight the diversity of research being conducted by student members of BSG.

If you are interested in serving as a judge for these papers (Undergraduate/Master's and Ph.D. levels), please contact Ross Meentemeyer ([rkmeente@uncc.edu](mailto:rkmeente@uncc.edu)). Judging criteria include: the significance and originality of the research question, the creativity and the quality of the methodology, the validity of the conclusions drawn from the results and the clarity of the presentation.

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## 2011 Student Research Grant Competition

--David Goldblum, BSG Board Member 2011-13 and Student Research Grant Coordinator



The goal of the Biogeography Specialty Group (BSG) Graduate Student Research Grant competition is to provide partial support for graduate students to conduct quality biogeographic research projects for their master's thesis or doctoral dissertation. The awards are competitive, and proposals are judged individually on the basis of:

- 1) *scientific merit* of the project, including biogeographic significance of the research question, adequacy and quality of the methods, and originality of the research;
- 2) *organization* and *clarity* of the proposal; and,
- 3) *qualifications* of the student to conduct the proposed work.

Each applicant must be a student member of both the AAG and BSG, and the proposed project should be part of her/his thesis or dissertation research. Students may join the AAG and BSG now and become eligible for the grants competition if not already a student member.

Normally, awards are made to one master's student for \$500 and one doctoral student for \$1000 each year, but an additional award may be made if the proposals are exceptional and funds are available. A committee of four to six biogeographers from different institutions will evaluate the proposals. Applications must be postmarked or electronically delivered (preferred) by **April 2, 2012** to Dr. David Goldblum at the address below. Formal announcement of the award winners will be made at the BSG Business Meeting at the AAG Annual Meeting in 2013, although award winners will be notified as soon as decisions are made, usually before the 2012 summer field season.

For more information please contact:

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## Graduate Student Research Grant Application Instructions

Name all application files with your last name first. Each applicant should submit a proposal according to the following format:

1. **Cover sheet**—Please complete and submit the application form on the next page. The form must be signed by the student's advisor (or provide advisor's e-mail address if application is submitted electronically) to certify that the information is correct. You should type the information directly into the cover sheet, and then simply append the following items to the end of this document.
2. **Project description**—This section should contain a clear description of the research objectives, the expected significance, and the research methodology. The text should not exceed two single-spaced pages. Cite only the most relevant publications.
3. **List of cited references.**
4. **Itemized budget**—Note: No salaries or indirect costs are allowed, only direct costs such as travel expenses and essential field supplies. The awards are usually \$1000 for doctoral work and \$500 for master's work.
5. **Budget justification.**
6. **One-page abbreviated curriculum vitae**—Note: In the CV, please *briefly* list past and current funding (both the agency and the dollar amount) that has supported this proposed research. Awards given by the BSG are partially based on demonstration of *need* for BSG funding. Failure to disclose your past and current funding (including funding that may have arrived during this competition) for this research could result in disqualification from this competition.

Proposals must be submitted electronically. Please e-mail the application in any acceptable format (e.g., Microsoft Word (preferred), WordPerfect, PDF, or Rich Text Format) to [dgoldblum@niu.edu](mailto:dgoldblum@niu.edu) by **April 2, 2012**. Please name all files beginning with your last name (i.e. Goldblum\_CV.docx).

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## **BSG Sponsored Sessions, 2011 AAG in New York City**

**All Invited! Biogeography Specialty Group Business Meeting  
is scheduled on Monday, 2/27/2012, from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM in  
Conference Room D, Lower Level, Sheraton Hotel**

1. Animal Geographies I: Geographies of Wildlife
2. Assessing climate variability and impacts in western North America I: Streamflow, Hydrology, and Riparian Environments.
3. Assessing climate variability and impacts in western North America II: The Desert Southwest.
4. Assessing climate variability and impacts in western North America III: Climate, Paleoclimate, and Meteorology.
5. Assessing climate variability and impacts in western North America IV: Terrestrial Ecosystems, Climate, and Disturbance.
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8. Dendrochronology I: Dendrochronological Applications I
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15. Ecological Analysis using Historical Records (I): Reconstruction and Forest Change
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18. Ecological Modelling
19. Fire, Humans, and Climate - Untangling Relationships, Causes and Consequences I
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25. Human-Plant Geographies II: Practicing Relations
26. Human-Plant Geographies III: Governing Relations
27. Human-Plant Geographies IV: Retelling Relations
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29. Human-Plant Geographies VI: Place Relations
30. Human-Plant Geographies VII: Agricultural Relations
31. Human-Plant Geographies VIII: Discussing Relations
32. Invasive Species: Spatial Distributions, Interactions and Impacts

33. Invasive Species: Spatial Distributions, Interactions and Impacts II
34. Land Cover Land Use Change: Remote Sensing Perspectives
35. Landscape metrics and habitat fragmentation
36. **Networking and Professionalization Opportunities for Early Career Biogeographers (President's Special Session)**
37. **Optimizing your Curriculum Vitae (Student Representative's Special Session)**
38. Pyrogeography: Spatio-Temporal Variability in Fires and Fire Regimes
39. Reconstructing Paleoenvironments since the Last Glacial Maximum
40. Reconstructing Paleoenvironments since the Last Glacial Maximum: II
41. The role of smallholder agriculture in promoting conservation within "the matrix": Agroecology, landscape ecology and rural social movements in the global south
42. Trees in the City 1: the extent, drivers, and benefits of urban forests
43. Trees in the City 2: the extent, drivers, and benefits of urban forests
44. Trees in the City 3: the extent, drivers, and benefits of urban forests
45. Using Spatially Explicit Simulated Data for Modeling and Geovisualization
46. Vegetation Dynamics I
47. Vegetation Dynamics II
48. Vegetation Dynamics III

Find out the times and locations online at:

<http://meridian.aag.org/callforpapers/program/index.cfm?mtgID=57>

### **BSG's President's Session: Networking and Professionalization Opportunities for Early Career Biogeographers**

*Scheduled on Monday, 2/27/2012, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Madison Suite, Second Floor, Hilton NY*

Session Description: This panel will discuss the opportunities available for networking and professional development for early career biogeographers. Examples from professional organizations outside of the AAG will be discussed. The goal is the formation of a vibrant and active organization dedicated to the success of early career biogeographers.

Organizer and Chair: David Cairns - Texas A&M University

Panelist(s):

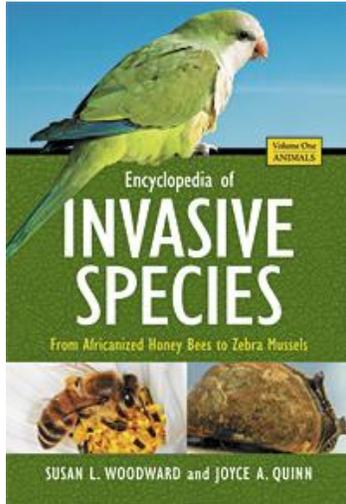
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# Recent Publications

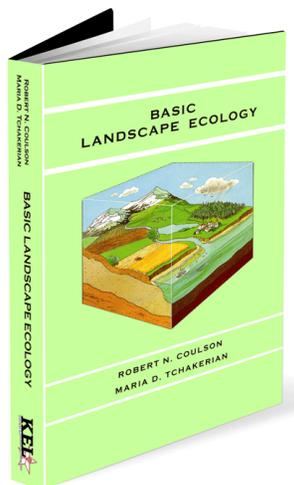
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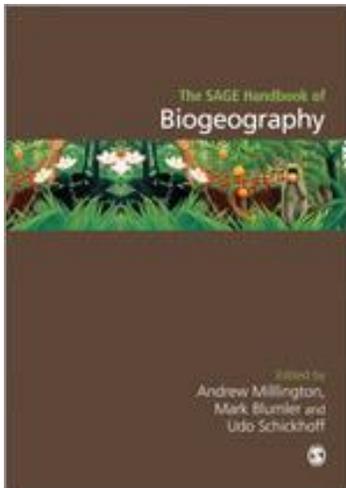
In late September 2011, Greenwood, an imprint of ABC-CLIO, released the *Encyclopedia of Invasive Species*, co-authored by Dr. Susan Woodward, professor emerita of geography at Radford University (VA) and Dr. Joyce Quinn, professor emerita of geography at California State University, Fresno. The two-volume set discusses a variety of non-native plant and animal species (as well as a few microorganisms) that recently or in the past have become established in the United States and are associated with actual or potential ecological and/or economic harm. Each species account provides a description of the organism in question and any other species with which it might be confused, its habitat preferences, life history, introduction history, probable impacts, and management strategies.

Distribution maps of the native and introduced ranges and one or more photographs accompany almost every entry. The encyclopedia targets advanced high school students and undergraduates, but is accessible to any curious layperson or professional resource manager.



Robert N. Coulson and Maria D. Tchakerian, *Basic Landscape Ecology*. A prospectus on the book (preface, table of contents, sample chapter), information about the authors, and peer reviews can be examined at <http://www.kelabpartners.com>. *Basic Landscape Ecology* is intended to be a starting point for the study of landscape ecology. The goal is to provide a contemporary synthesis of basic landscape ecological concepts with an applied interpretation. The first section, which consists of six chapters, is intended to provide a uniform background for students from various academic disciplines. The second section, which consists of four chapters, is intended to provide an examination of the substance of contemporary landscape ecology. All figures and tables are in full color. The individual chapters have been

summarized in PowerPoint(tm) presentations with accompanying discussion/study questions. Each of these media (images and tables, PowerPoint(tm) presentations, and discussion/study questions) is provided with the text as a CD. The book provides a fresh view of the subject of landscape ecology, which has not been summarized and interpreted in more than a decade. 300 pp., 153 color plates.



**Andrew Millington, Mark Blumler, Udo Schickhoff (eds)**  
***The SAGE Handbook of Biogeography*** (ISBN:

9781412919517) is a manual for scoping the past, present and future of biogeography that enable readers to consider, where relevant, how similar biogeographical issues are tackled by researchers in different 'schools'.

In line with the concept of all SAGE Handbooks, this is a retrospective and prospective overview of biogeography that will:

- consider the main areas of biogeography researched by geographers
- detail a global perspective by incorporating the work of different schools of biogeographers
- explore the divergent evolution of biogeography as a discipline and consider how this diversity can be harnessed

• examine the interdisciplinary debates that biogeographers are, and are not, contributing to within geography and within the biological sciences.

Aimed at an international audience of research students, academics, researchers and practitioners in biogeography, the text will attract interest from environmental scientists, ecologists and biologists and geographers alike.

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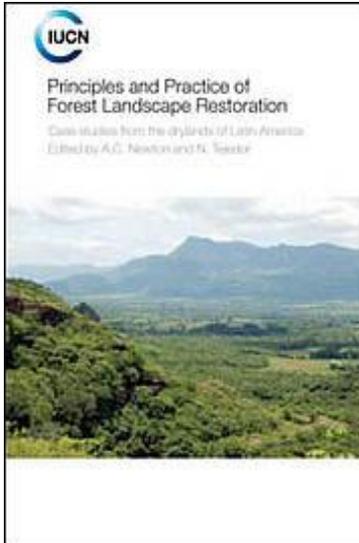
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**International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), *Principles and practice of forest landscape restoration: case studies from the drylands of Latin America*** (Edited by A.C. Newton and N. Tejedor). ISBN: 978-2-8317-1340-3. This book presents the results of an international research project, which was designed explicitly to examine application of the forest landscape restoration (FLR) approach to dryland forest ecosystems in Latin America. The research focused on seven dryland areas where native forests have been subjected to intense human pressure in recent decades, resulting in severe deforestation and degradation. Each of these areas is characterized by high biodiversity of international conservation importance, with many endemic, threatened species.

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Fires in dry forest areas of Chile.  
Photo: C. Echeverria



Tropical sub-deciduous forest (El Ocote Biosphere Reserve). Photo: R. Vaca

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# News

David Butler and George Malanson attended the 8th World Congress of the International Association of Landscape Ecology, at the invitation of Professor Zehao Shen of the Department of Ecology, Peking University. Zehao Shen organized a special symposium within the framework of the 8th World Congress that examined ecotones and issues of scale in mountain environments, and both Dave and George gave invited presentations in the symposium, along with scientists from Greece, Russia, Japan, and China.

Prior to the meeting in Beijing, Zehao took George and Dave on a two-day field trip that included the obligatory (and excellent) visit to the Great Wall, at Badaling (photo); to a rural village famous for its tofu production for a memorable overnight stay; and to the mountains northwest of Beijing to see examples of treeline. Dave and George also gave special presentations in a mini-symposium also arranged by Zehao Shen to his students in the Department of Ecology at Peking University.



George Malanson, Dave Butler, and Zehao Shen on the Great Wall of China, at Badaling.

## Call for Submissions Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia

Salem Press is inviting academic editorial contributors to a new reference work about biomes and ecosystems to be published in 2013. Here are their details:

With approximately 600 articles in 4 volumes, Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia is a comprehensive review of key biological and geographic classifications tied to the high-school and college curriculum. The reference work will cover the broad scope of biomes and ecosystems around the world, from puddles on the street to coral reefs in Australia to rain forests in Brazil to the tundra in Siberia. Each article will delve into the properties that make the subject a biome or ecosystem, and how those features work together. Especially targeted toward high-school students, this outstanding reference work is edited to make the content readily accessible as well to patrons of public, academic, and university libraries. Pedagogical elements include a Topic Finder, Chronology, Resource Guide, Glossary, Appendix, and thorough index. Presented in an A-to-Z format, Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia is richly illustrated with photos, charts, and tables, all comprising an unprecedented and unique resource.

We are now making *new article* assignments with a deadline of **January 13, 2012**. Please note that this is our final deadline.

Each article ranges from 600 to 3500 words and is signed by the contributor. The General Editor for the encyclopedia is Dr. Robert Warren Howarth, Cornell University, who will review all the articles for editorial content and academic consistency.

If you are interested in contributing to Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia, it can be a notable publication addition to your CV/resume and broaden your publishing credits. Moreover, you can help ensure that accurate information and important points of view are credibly presented to students and library patrons. Compensation is an honorarium payment of \$25 up to 1000 words; \$35 from 1001 to 2500 words; and \$45 above 2501 words.

The list of available articles, style guidelines, and sample article are prepared and will be sent to you in response to your inquiry. Please then select which unassigned articles may best suit your interests and expertise.

If you would like to contribute to building a truly outstanding reference with Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia, please contact me by the e-mail information below.

Please provide a brief summary of your background in biogeography, biology, ecology, and environmental topics. Thanks for your time and interest.

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## From the International Biogeography Society

The International Biogeography Society (IBS) is seeking proposals from prospective hosts of the 7th biennial conference of the International Biogeography Society to be held in early January 2015. Proposals should be submitted by individuals who are interested in chairing the local (host) committee. The duties of the local host involve conducting contract negotiations with the venue and the hotel as well as all local logistics including field trip organization and production of the abstract book.

Minimum requirements of the venue are 1) one auditorium with a capacity of 450-550 people (2 days), 2) three or four smaller rooms with a capacity of 75-150 people (1 day), and 3) various smaller meeting rooms. The IBS is interested in holding the biennial conference in locations fairly convenient with respect to the majority of its membership base in North America and Europe. Locations of past (and upcoming) conferences can be seen here: <http://www.biogeography.org/html/Meetings/index.html>.

Proposals from prospective hosts of the biennial conference must be received before **20 January 2012**. Please send proposals by email to Daniel Gavin, International Biogeography Society Vice-President for Conferences at [dgavin@uoregon.edu](mailto:dgavin@uoregon.edu). Please include the following information in the proposal:

1. Location of the meeting (city) and the host institution or organization.
  2. What would be the benefit of hosting the conference at this location?
  3. Actual site of the meeting and the capacity of the auditorium.
  4. Space for poster sessions--general size and location relative to the auditorium.
  5. Approximate cost for three-day use of the venue. A specific quote is not needed, but evidence of the price competitiveness is important.
  6. Transportation infrastructure, including travel from airport.
  7. Attractions in the vicinity of the conference site, including field trip potential.
  8. Who would potentially serve on the local organizing committee?
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## Notes

1. Back issues of *The Biogeographer* in pdf format are posted on the BSG website ([www.biogeographer.org](http://www.biogeographer.org)).
2. Please consider adding the **BSG domain** to your favorite links and promote it on your homepage ([www.biogeographer.org](http://www.biogeographer.org))
3. If you're interested in being on the BSG student list-serv, please e-mail the list moderator, Chad Lane, at [chad.lane@lawrence.edu](mailto:chad.lane@lawrence.edu).
4. John Kupfer is presently managing the BSG website, [www.biogeographer.org](http://www.biogeographer.org). If you have links (or other materials), send up to 2-3 pages to John, including syllabi for biogeography courses. If there is anything for any of these areas, contact John at [KUPFER@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:KUPFER@mailbox.sc.edu)

5. Communications among BSG members is usually by email through the AAG's discussion forum. Current instructions to access and post messages on the BSG forum: Login to the AAG website ([www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org))
- Select "My Communities" from the Communities panel (lower right)
  - Select "Global Preferences" to ensure you are actively subscribed to the BSG community and to ensure you are receiving all email messages from the forum (Select "preferences" to receive email messages immediately, daily or weekly)
  - Under "My Communities", select Biogeography Specialty Group
  - Under "Forums", select General Information or Job Announcements to review recently posted messages or to post a new message
  - To post a new message, click on "General Information" and "Create a New Topic" (upper right).

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## Submission Guidelines

--- Joy Nystrom Mast, Editor, *The Biogeographer*



Submissions to The Biogeographer should be sent directly to the editor as email attachments in Word format. Bear in mind that your editor generally just cuts and pastes whatever she gets, so please spell-check and proofread your submissions carefully. Submissions should be concise and written in a style consistent with the rest of the newsletter.

**Notes and News Items.** News items can be personal, departmental, institutional, or simply biogeography-related stories from the press. Notes are intended to convey topical information of interest to the BSG community.

### **Recent Publications**

Only publications that have actually appeared in print or online will be listed, so please do not submit in-press items until you have page numbers or a permanent URL.

Topics for these categories include:

- Research Notes: new projects and progress reports or general research-related ideas and issues.
- Field Notes: recent field work or field trips or retellings of classic tales from the field (embellishments welcome).
- Course Notes: news, announcements, or articles related to teaching biogeography or pedagogical issues affecting the discipline.
- Book Notes: book reviews or announcements.
- Miscellaneous Notes: anything that doesn't fit in any of the other categories.

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