Alan Graham received the Asa Gray Award from the American Society of Plant Taxonomists (ASPT) and the Botanical Society of America’s (BSA) Merit Award at their annual meetings in Snowbird, Utah, 2009. They were in recognition of ‘his lifetime of perceptive study by which he laid the foundations for our concepts about the origins and history of tropical vegetation, greatly advanced the field of vegetation history, and the way in which we should understand present distributions.’ The awards were, in part, to commemorate publication later this year of Late Cretaceous and Cenozoic History of Latin American Vegetation and Terrestrial Environments (Missouri Botanical Garden Press, 2009).

See http://www.mobot.org/mobot/research/curators/graham.shtml for more information on Alan Graham’s work.

Job announcements

Postdoctoral position
Landscape Ecology Group, Dept. Ecology and Environmental Science, Umeå University
One postdoctoral position on effects of climate changes on the biodiversity of protected areas in the Barents region. The project has three major goals: (1) to assess whether the network of protected areas can conserve its species and ecosystem types, (2) to identify the major gaps in terms of providing stepping-stones or migration routes between reserves, and in representing natural variation, (3) to evaluate the economic consequences of alternative conservation strategies aiming at representing biodiversity. The position will start as soon as possible and last for about 20 months. For further information, contact prof. Christer Nilsson (christer.nilsson@emg.umu.se) or associate prof. Roland Jansson (roland.jansson@emg.umu.se).

The complete application should be sent to jobb@umu.se (marked with the reference 315-1076-09 as subject) or to the Registrar, Umeå University, SE-901 87 Umeå, Sweden to arrive January 7, 2010 at the latest. For more information see www.emg.umu.se/en.

Lecturer in Plant Ecology
Lund University
A position of a Tenure-track Lecturer in Plant Ecology within the Department of Ecology is now being advertised. See full details at http://www.planteco.lu.se/lecturer091123.pdf.

1 Postdoctoral and 2 PhD positions
Jetz Lab, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB), Yale University
One 2-3 year postdoctoral position in Biodiversity Science and Informatics is available starting between January and July 2010. We are looking for an expert in the analysis, management, and visualization of large quantities of spatial (and phylogenetic) biodiversity data. One specific research opportunity is an assessment of the fate of East African terrestrial vertebrates under climate change. Please email short letter of interest, C.V., and the names and contact details of three referees (ideally all combined in one pdf) to walter.jetz@yale.edu – subject line: Biodiversity Postdoc.

Up to two fully-funded PhD positions in Ecology, Biogeography and Conservation are available starting Fall 2010. We are interested in students with research experience who are excited about interdisciplinary work spanning a range of ecological scales. Applicants should have a strong interest in combining theory, data analysis and modeling, and potentially fieldwork to address questions in Community ecology, Community phylogenetics, Geographical ecology, Movement ecology, Biodiversity science, Biogeography, and Global change ecology. See http://www.yale.edu/eeb/grad/index.htm and http://www.yale.edu/graduateschool/admissions/index.html.

A complete description of the applications is available at the IBS blog (http://biogeography.blogspot.com/). See http://www.yale.edu/jetz for further information.

If you want to announce a meeting, event or job offer that could be of interest for (some) biogeographers, or you want to make a call for manuscripts or talks, please contact us at ibs@mncn.csic.es and frontiersofbiogeography@gmail.com.
5 Postdoctoral, 2 PhD and 1 Science Officer positions

BioFresh - Biodiversity of Freshwater Ecosystems – several European institutions

BioFresh is a large, integrative EU-funded 4-year project aiming to build a public freshwater biodiversity information platform, provide spatially-explicit information on the status and trends of freshwater biodiversity and its ecosystem services, and predict future responses of freshwater biodiversity and its services to climate and socioeconomic pressures. Eight positions are offered in total:

1 PhD-position — Climate Change on Lake Ecosystems Based on Long-Term Records — Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, Berlin, Germany (IGB, www.igb-berlin.de) (contact: adrian@igb-berlin.de, tockner@igb-berlin.de)
1 PostDoc-Position — Global Change Impacts on Freshwater Biodiversity — IGB (contact: tockner@igb-berlin.de; freyhof@igb-berlin.de)
1 PostDoc-Position — Ecosystem Modeling — Swiss Federal Institute for Aquatic Science and Technology (www.eawag.ch) (contact: gessner@eawag.ch)
1 PostDoc-Position — Effects of Global Change on Freshwater Biodiversity Patterns — University of Barcelona, Spain (contact: bonada@ub.edu)
1 PhD-position — Groundwater Biodiversity Patterns and Trends — Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, École des Hydroécologies, France (contact: maillard@univ-lyon1.fr, christophe.douady@univ-lyon1.fr)
1 PostDoc-Position — Determinants of Freshwater Diversity and Impact of Human Disturbance — University Toulouse 3, France (http://www.edb.ups-tlse.fr/) (contact: brosse@cict.fr)
1 PostDoc-Position — Freshwater Macroecology — Museum of Natural History in Paris, France (contact: oberdorf@mnhn.fr)
1 Science Officer — Establishing a web portal that will provide free and open access to relevant data sources and bioinformatics tools — Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (contact: hendrik.segers@natural-sciences.be)

A complete description of the applications is available at the IBS blog (http://biogeography.blogspot.com/).

Postdoctoral Position

Carleton University

A postdoctoral position in Spatial Ecological Modelling is available at Carleton University. The objective of the research is to build a set of hypotheses that predict the spatial scale over which landscape structure affects population dynamics. The position is available for up to three years, beginning April 2010, at a salary commensurate with an NSERC PDF. enquiries: lenore.fahrig@carleton.ca.

Upcoming events

UNESCO IYB Biodiversity Science-Policy Conference

Session on Conservation Biogeography in association with the IBS
25-29 January 2010 – Paris, France
http://www.unesco.org/en/biodiversity

SAFARI Symposium

Remote Sensing and Fisheries
15-17 February 2010 – Kochi, India
http://www.geosafari.org/kochi

VI Southern Connection Congress

Gondwana reunited: a southern perspective for a changing world
15-19 February 2010 – Bariloche, Argentina

9th Meeting on Vegetation Databases

Vegetation databases and climate change
24-26 February 2010 – Hamburg, Germany
http://www.botanik.uni-greifswald.de/

2010 AAG Annual Meeting

Association of American Geographers
14-18 April 2010 – Washington DC, USA
http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/

19th Workshop of the European Vegetation Survey

Flora, vegetation, environment and landuse at large scale
29 April - 2 May 2010 – Pécs, Hungary
http://www.obki.hu/evs/