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*Banks' Florilegium*, published between 1980 and 1990. The *Florilegium* consists of over 700 botanical line engravings made from Sydney Parkinson's watercolours, recording the plants collected by Joseph Banks and Daniel Carl Solander on Captain James Cook's first voyage around the world (1768–1771).

After 1990, Chris, with Dick Vane-Wright and Paul Williams, both (then) of the Entomology Department, the Natural History Museum, pooled their collective systematic and biogeographical expertise together and began to address questions relating to conservation biology with their synthetic 'WorldMap' approach. After a decade of fruitful collaboration Chris returned to studying the distribution of plants on Macaronesia, the islands he cut his teeth on as a student.

Chris received many honours: the Linnean Society's Bicentenary Medal in 1980 and their Gold Medal in 2001; he was also an Honorary Fellow of the American Association for the Advance-

ment of Science. He was President of the Systematics Association (2001–2003) as well as its Treasurer (1996–9), and President of the Willi Hennig Society (1989–1991), being elected a Fellow *honoris causa* in 1998. Chris was also Vice-President and Botanical Secretary of the Linnean Society (1994–1998).

In 2008, a three-day Meeting was held in his honour at the Linnean Society; a Festschrift will be published in early 2010.

David Williams

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### IBS-sponsored events

## Latest news from the forthcoming 2011 IBS meeting at Crete

The four invited-speakers symposia that will be held in the Crete meeting have now been decided upon. The list includes the following:

**1. Analytical advancements in macroecology and biogeography** (organizers: Alexandre Diniz-Filho & Carsten Rahbek)

**2. New Perspectives on Comparative Phylogeography – novel integrative approaches and challenges** (organizers: Ana Carnaval & Mike Hickerson)

**3. Biogeography and Ecology: Two Lenses in One Telescope** (organizers: Dave Jenkins & Bob Ricklefs)

**4. Mediterranean biogeography: where history meets ecology across scales** (organizers: Spyros Sfenthourakis & Rémy Petit)

Besides these symposia, additional thematic sessions will host contributed presentations, following the model started in the Mérida meeting. The nature and topics covered by each session will be decided in the near future.

Jens-Christian Svenning

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Organizing board of the 2011 IBS meeting

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