

The weekly newsletter from the Botany Department at Trinity College Dublin

Publications, Talks & Outreach

- **Mike Jones** and **Matt Saunders** had an article published on [The Conversation](#) website about “How to unlock the potential of papyrus wetlands in Africa”.

The picture on the right shows briquettes made from compressed papyrus. They can be used to replace biomass as biofuel.

[Click on the photo to access the article.]



- **Jane Stout** was interviewed by **Ray Darcy** on his Friday afternoon show last week – they were talking about Rhododendrons and whether the ones being sold by Lidl are likely to become invasive.



[The Ray D'Arcy Show](http://www.rte.ie/radio1/ray/podcasts/) – Friday 24th March: <http://www.rte.ie/radio1/ray/podcasts/>

[Click on the logo to access the podcast directly - the discussion on Rhododendrons is from 14'00" to 21'50".]

- **Anne Dubéarnès** presented her research at [My Thesis in 3 Minutes ... in French](#) organised by the **Embassy of France in Dublin** as part of The Month of La Francophonie in Ireland.



She was awarded the Outreach prize for her talk on the “Systematics of the genus *Embelia* Burm.f.” [Click on the logo for details and more photos.]



Grants

- **Mike Jones**, **Mike Williams** and **Matthew Saunders** have just been awarded research money through the New Zealand research programme [GPLER \(Global Partnerships in Livestock Emissions Research\)](#). This work will focus on the role of deep ploughing in reducing carbon emissions.

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Events



TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN CAMPUS POLLINATOR PLAN

- The **Trinity Campus Pollinator Plan** will be launched on **Tuesday 11th April** in Regent House, from **1-2 pm**. You are all warmly invited to attend the event, which will consist of a series of short presentations:
 - Welcome and official launch (**Patrick Prendegast**, Provost)
 - Introduction to pollinators and the Campus Plan (**Jane Stout**, SNS)
 - All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (**Erin Jo Tiedeken**, **Una Fitzpatrick**, National Biodiversity Data Centre)
 - The buzz from the hive - Trinity's bees (**Susie Bioletti**, Library and **Marcus Phelan**, Estates and Facilities)
 - Student perspective on future sustainability (**Cian White**, Zoological Society, **Caoimhe White**, Environment Committee Trinity Hall)

The Trinity Campus Pollinator Plan contributes to a national programme of actions to reverse pollinator decline in Ireland and help to restore healthy pollinator populations. [Click on the banner above for more information.]

- **Celebrating Ellen Hutchins (1785-1815) - Ireland's First Female Botanist - Part 2**

Entrance Hall of the old Anatomy Building, Trinity College Dublin



Part Two of the exhibition opens on **Friday 31st March** and runs until **Friday 28th April 2017**. It will feature new displays and materials not shown when the exhibition first opened.

There will be **two more public open sessions** on the last Thursdays of each month, **30th March** and **27th April**, from 5-6:30; members of the Ellen Hutchins Festival will be on hand to answer questions.

The exhibition brings together panels about The Young Woman, Her Work and Her World, with original material and books from the Herbarium at Trinity College, letters held by the Hutchins family, and prints of Ellen's drawings of seaweeds from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Museums Sheffield.

See www.ellenhutchins.com for more information.

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