

The newsletter from the Botany Department at Trinity College Dublin

News

- Botany welcomes new postdocs **Drs Michelle Murray, Amanda Porter** and **Kamilia Kwasniewska** who will be working in Jenny McElwain's group.
- **Jenny McElwain** was awarded the **President's Medal of the Palaeontological Association** in December 2017 at the Annual Meeting of the Palaeontological Association held at Imperial College London.
- **Jane Stout** received the **BES Ecological Engagement Award** at the 2017 Ecology Across Borders meeting in Ghent in December. This [award](#) recognises an ecologist who has bridged the gap between ecology and the public.

Publications

- **John Parnell** has recently published two papers: one with a former PhD student **Anna Trias-Blasi** and the other with a current PhD student **Dongwei Zhao**:
 - Zhao, D., Parnell, J.A.N. & Hodkinson, T. (2017). Names of Assam tea: Their priority, typification and nomenclatural notes. *Taxon*, 66: 1447-1455. <https://doi.org/10.12705/666.11>
 - Trias-Blasi, A., Parnell, J.A.N. & Watson, M.F. (2017). Corrigendum to "Nomenclatural notes on species of Asian Vitaceae" [Taxon 66: 718-733. 2017]. *Taxon*, 66: 1500-1501. <https://doi.org/10.12705/666.31>



- Another issue of a journal of which **John Parnell** is an editor has recently appeared: Pooma, R., Utteridge, T., Simpson, D., Parnell, J.A.N., Middleton, D., van Welzen, P., Esser, H.-J., Harwood, B., Schuiteman, A., Barford, A., Suksathan, P., Pornpongrungeng, P. & Lindsay, S. (2017). *Thai Forest Bulletin*, 45: 1-133.

Conferences & Outreach

- **Marcin Penk** gave a talk on saltmarsh plant-nutrient relationships at **Ecology Across Borders 2017** in Ghent, Belgium. This event was a British Ecological Society's joint conference with [GFÖ](#), [NecoV](#) and the [European Ecological Federation](#).



Grants

- **Jenny McElwain** has been awarded an **Irish Research Council Ulysses 2017 Grant** for collaborative research in paleobotany between TCD and University Claude Bernard Lyon.
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Upcoming events

Our new lunch time seminar series called **EXPEDITIONS** starts this week on Thursday. The seminars will reveal the globetrotting exploits of botanists in search of new species to science and new solutions to global challenges of climate change, food security and biodiversity loss.

The series will launch with **BBC camera man James Aldred**, the author of *The Man Who Climbs Trees*, on Thursday 25th January at 1pm in the Botany Lecture Theatre.

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14 globetrotting adventures in botany

EXPEDITIONS

JAN-APRIL 2018

LUNCHTIME SEMINAR SERIES FROM TCD BOTANY

<p>THE MAN WHO CLIMBS TREES James Aldred (BBC) Thursday 25th January 2018</p> <p>BIKING & BUTTER IN BURKINA FASO Aoife Delaney (TCD) Thursday 1st February 2018</p> <p>MACHETE TRAILS IN FIJI Wuu Kuang Soh (TCD) Thursday 8th February 2018</p> <p>AN UNDERGRAD IN PUERTO RICO Emma Doyle (UCD) Thursday 15th February 2018</p> <p>LIFE AND DEATH AT A VOLCANIC VENT Caroline Elliott-Kingston (UCD) Thursday 22nd February 2018</p> <p>TALE OF MANY TOWERS – FROM MORDOR TO AFRICA Matt Saunders (TCD) Thursday 1st March 2018</p> <p>PACIFIC INVADERS OF THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS Steve Waldren (TCD) Thursday 8th March 2018</p>	<p>GREAT GRASSES OF CHINA Trevor Hodkinson (TCD) Thursday 15th March 2018</p> <p>AN URBAN EXPEDITION Marcus Collier (TCD) Thursday 22nd March 2018</p> <p>DON'T MENTION THE EUPHORBIAS - GRAN CANARIA Simon Benson (TCD) Thursday 29th March 2018</p> <p>AVOIDING BEARS IN ALASKA Michelle Murray (TCD) Thursday 5th April 2018</p> <p>HIGH IN HONDURAS Daniel Kelly (UCD) Thursday 12th April 2018</p> <p>TRAVEL DIARIES FROM THAILAND Anne Dubéarnès (TCD) Thursday 19th April 2018</p> <p>72 DEGREES NORTH Jenny McElwain (TCD) Thursday 26th April 2018</p>
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THE BOTANY LECTURE THEATRE

PHYTOBYTES needs your input, yes you!

Whether you are student or staff, please send any news you have, big or small, to Anne (dubearna@tcd.ie) with the subject heading Phytobytes. Let's share the latest news and always be aware of what is happening at Botany!