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Connection Congress

**Gondwana reunited:
a southern perspective for a changing world**

February 15-19, 2010
Bariloche, Argentina

We are pleased to announce the VI Southern Connection Congress to be held in Bariloche, Argentina between February 15 and 19, 2010.

Southern Connection aim is to provide a venue for communication among scientists, principally biologists, working on southern temperate ecosystems and biota. Southern Connection undertakes this role through congresses, meetings, publications, and other activities. Previous Southern Connection congresses have been held in Australia (1993 and 2007), Chile (1997), New Zealand (2000) and South Africa (2004).



REGISTRATION

Early registration allows the benefit of an EXCEPTIONAL SPECIAL OFFER that includes REGISTRATION PAYMENT and 5-NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION in shared room at the Congress location, Five star Panamericano Hotel, FOR ONLY u\$s 350

REGISTRATION FEES

		Early until 15-06-09	Standard until 30-12-09	On site
Professional	International	U\$S 290	U\$S 400	U\$S 440
	Latin American	U\$S 180	U\$S 250	U\$S 275
Student	International	U\$S 140	U\$S 200	U\$S 220
	Latin American	U\$S 80	U\$S 120	U\$S 130



ABSTRACTS

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 16th 2009.

Abstracts can be submitted only after at least one of the authors has been registered.
Due date for Abstract Submission is November 16th, 2009.



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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

- **Keith Bennett**, Queen's University, Belfast, UK "Refugia revisited: the behaviour of tropical organisms during glacial-interglacial transitions"
- **William Bond**, University of Cape Town, South Africa "Reinterpreting plant traits and the geography of vegetation with fire"
- **Richard Hobbs**, School of Environmental Science, Murdoch University, Australia "Invasive species and global change: novel ecosystems and their implications for conservation and restoration"
- **Peter Lockhart**, Allan Wilson Center for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Massey University, New Zealand "Using new sequencing technologies to investigate species radiations in the New Zealand alpine flora"
- **Jérôme Munzinger**, Laboratoire de Botanique et d'Ecologie Appliquées, Herbarium Nou, New Caledonia "New Caledonia flora, questions about the gondwanian origin"
- **Immanuel Noy-Meir**, Hebrew University, Jerusalem "Southern semi-arid lands: management and conservation"
- **Victor Ramos**, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina "Late Cenozoic uplift of the Patagonian Andes and the beginning of the glaciation"
- **Ricardo Villalba**, IANIGLA-CONICET, Argentina "The Antarctic Oscillation: A common forcing of climate variations in temperate regions of the Southern Hemisphere"
- **Rory Wilson**, Swansea University, Wales UK "Surfing southern ocean currents; a perspective on seabird tracks through 3-d space"



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SYMPOSIA

- Plant ecological genetic insights in the Southern Hemisphere
- Conifer–angiosperm interactions
- Origin and diversification of plants in the Southern Hemisphere: biogeographical reconstructions based on molecular phylogenies
- Austral insect patterns: phylogenetics and biogeography of austral insects
- Paleoenvironmental changes since the last glacial maximum: pattern, timing and dynamics throughout the Southern Hemisphere
- Insights on Southern Hemisphere plant species richness, endemism and colonization
- Southern connections and convergences: climate, environment and cultural adaptations in the cool temperate Southern Hemisphere
- Physiological adaptations in the Southern Hemisphere: are there convergences among Gondwanian land masses in cold-blooded vertebrates?
- Controversies in the Quaternary of the Southern Hemisphere
- Progress with conservation and sustainable management of the Southern Hemisphere's indigenous temperate grasslands: developing a strategic plan
- Sharing Gondwanian knowledge and experience for capacity building and improvement of regional and global invasions management
- Pine invasion in South America: patterns, process, and lessons to be learned
- Ecology, management and conservation of austral cool-temperate forests: the role of long-term research sites
- Gondwanic connections in Fungi
- Phylogeography and speciation in Patagonia: a common perspective across taxa?
- Towards a southern synthesis of urban environments: catching up with the north and points of difference
- Origin and diversification of the New Caledonian biota
- 'Species' and speciation in the Southern Hemisphere: integrative approaches to studying plant species diversification
- Raising Zealandia: biogeography of a sunken continent
- The future of disturbance ecology
- Austral Cenozoic floras and their value in elucidating modern plant distribution

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