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Canadian Botanical Gardens Educators to Meet in Montreal in December 2004

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Investing in Nature: A Partnership for Plants in Canada presents: **Biodiversity Education Colloquium**

Mark December 1-3rd, 2004 on your calendars for the upcoming colloquium on Biodiversity Education at Montreal Botanical Garden.

We hope you will join us to exchange experiences and innovative ideas in order to improve and expand educational efforts promoting plant conservation, biodiversity and sustainability. Most importantly, this colloquium will permit us to define and establish a variety of collaborative projects and related task forces (for example creating a travelling display on conserving Canadian plants or regional guides to ecological gardening).

The meeting will be open to representatives from Canadian institutions and organisations committed to plant conservation. Travel subsidies will be available for members of the Canadian Botanical Conservation Network and/or members of Botanic Gardens Conservation International. We are currently confirming funding opportunities in order to maximise participation.

Formal invitations and registration details will be sent the week following Thanksgiving.

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**Un partenariat canadien pour les plantes
vous présente :**
**Colloque en éducation sur la
biodiversité**

Réservez vos journées du 1er au 3 décembre 2004 pour participer au colloque en éducation sur la biodiversité qui aura lieu au Jardin botanique de Montréal.

Nous espérons que vous allez vous joindre à nous pour partager vos expériences et vos idées afin d'améliorer les efforts éducatifs pour promouvoir la conservation des plantes, la biodiversité et le développement durable. Plus important encore, ce colloque nous permettra de définir et d'établir divers projets communs et de former des groupes de travail (c.-à-d. la création d'une exposition itinérante au sujet de la conservation des plantes canadiennes ou des guides régionaux portant sur le jardinage écologique).

Le colloque sera ouvert aux représentants des institutions et organismes canadiens engagés dans la conservation des plantes. Les frais de déplacement seront en partie couverts pour les membres du Réseau canadien pour la conservation de la flore et/ou les membres de Botanic Garden Conservation International. Présentement, nous attendons la confirmation de certains donateurs quant au financement afin de maximiser la participation.

Les invitations officielles ainsi que les détails concernant l'inscription seront envoyés la semaine suivant la fête de l'Action de grâce.

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www.bgci.org/canada

News and Announcements from CBCN Members

**Royal Botanical Gardens Hosts
Presentations on Butterflies**

Registration for these programs is possible over the Internet at www.rbg.ca or by calling call 905-527-1158, ext. 270.

**The Grand Saga of the Monarch:
An Evening with Dr. Lincoln Brower**

Saturday evening, October 23; 7 to 9 p.m. at RBG Centre.

RBG members and non-members: \$11

Lincoln Brower has been conducting and leading research in the monarch butterfly's overwintering grounds in central Mexico since 1977. Join us as Professor Brower chronicles his research on the migratory and overwintering biology of these incredible insects, and explores related conservation issues. Dr. Brower is the research professor of biology at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, and the distinguished service professor of zoology, emeritus, at the University of Florida. He will be joined by co-presenter Jose Luis Alvarez, of the La Cruz Habitat Protection project in Mexico. Watch www.rbg.ca for details.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15.

The Spirit of Butterflies

Thursday, December 2; 7 to 9 p.m. at RBG Centre.

RBG members: \$12; Non-members: \$15

Maraleen Manos-Jones was the first woman from the U.S. to discover the monarch's overwintering habitat in Mexico. She has returned there every year for the last 26 years, to work with local communities on everything from helping to form artisanal cooperatives, to working on environmental issues. She also collects stories, myths, legends, poems, superstitions and art about butterflies, and has lectured on them around the country. Come out and be inspired by Maraleen's passion for these fragile creatures that link our bioregion to the Michoacan Forest Reserve. Her book *The Spirit of Butterflies: Myth, Magic and Art* will be available at Shop @ The Gardens.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 23.

What can you do to help butterflies?

Like most wildlife, butterfly populations are under pressure. Planting butterfly gardens, conserving habitat and supporting organizations that protect wildlife and habitat are ways you can help. If you would like more information on butterfly gardening and conservation, The Gardens offers local butterfly identification and gardening courses (visit www.rbg.ca for details).

BGCI joins GBIF Global Information Network



On 4 August 2004, Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) making BGCI an Associate Participant to GBIF. As a participant, BGCI will provide relevant data to GBIF on plant conservation through a network node.

GBIF works cooperatively with and in support of several other international organizations concerned with biodiversity. These include (but are not limited to) the Clearing House Mechanism and the Global Taxonomic Initiative of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and regional biodiversity information networks.

As its work programmes progress, GBIF will enable users to navigate and put to use the world's vast quantities of biodiversity information. This information is vital to generating economic, environmental, social and scientific benefits from the sustainable use, conservation and study of biodiversity resources.

Notes:



The mission of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) is to make the world's primary data on biodiversity freely and universally available via the Internet.

The GBIF vision is that it will contribute to economic growth, ecological sustainability, social outcomes and scientific research by increasing the utility, availability and completeness of primary scientific biodiversity information available on the Internet.

For further information, visit www.gbif.org

BGCI Appoints New Director of US Office

BGCI has appointed Dan Shepherd as the new Director of its BGCI - US office. Dan brings a commitment to plant conservation and a remarkable set of abilities that will support BGCI-US in developing and implementing conservation initiatives around the country. In his most recent position as Resource Conservation Coordinator at the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, Dan managed resource and plant conservation programs.

In addition to his strong background in conservation efforts, Dan possesses a diverse blend of talent and leadership experience. He is particularly proud of his volunteer work in community and youth gardening as a Master Gardener in the Seattle area and his involvement with the Rare Plant Care and Conservation Program at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Dan holds an International Diploma in Plant Conservation from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and a B.A. in Japanese from the University of Oregon.



Dan Shepherd joined BGCI US in 2004 and is based at Brooklyn Botanical Garden in New York.

Museum Research Summit Planned For Ottawa, 6-8 January 2005

Dr. David A. Galbraith
Executive Director, Canadian Botanical Conservation Network, and
Head of Scientific Development, Royal Botanical Gardens

An important meeting will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 6-8 January 2005. The Museum Research Summit, organized by the Canadian Museums Association (CMA), has as its goals to strengthen the roles and capacities of all types of museums in Canada for research. At the summit participants will be asked to take part in forging the first steps toward a "comprehensive action plan aimed at ensuring the future strength and relevance of museum research in Canada."

A brochure describing the summit is available on the CMA Web site at:
<http://www.museums.ca/Cma1/WhatsNew/conferences/eventsothereventssummit.htm>

This will be an important meeting for all institutions involved in collections and research in Canada, whether they are "museums" in the popular concept or are botanical gardens or others striving to serve as public interpreters and curators of cultural or natural diversity, living or not. Botanical gardens in Canada need to have a voice at this summit and I urge members of the arboretum and botanical garden community in Canada to participate if they can.

It is also clear from the very topic of this summit that other sectors within the broader museum community in Canada are facing many of the same challenges as are botanical gardens and are seeking a common response, facilitated by CMA. Botanical gardens, arboreta, herbaria and other institutions working with living or preserved collections representing biological diversity should be engaged in this dialogue and the action plan and other initiatives that emerge from it.

Coming Events

Please send any notices of upcoming events for inclusion in this listing to: cbcn@rbg.ca

Special thanks always go to Lorna Allen of Parks and Protected Areas, Edmonton, Alberta, and her e-mail list "Plant Happenings" for many of the events listed here. Lorna can be contacted at: Lorna.Allen@gov.ab.ca

Events listed here are only presented for the information of readers. A listing does not imply either participation of or endorsement by CBCN or anyone affiliated with the network.

We make every effort to ensure that event information is listed correctly, but please confirm time, dates, and details directly with sources before planning to attend any listed event. Items are listed in chronological order including: date, venue, title, contact or other information. Electronic contact information is provided. If no such information is available, other contact information will be listed.

September 2004

30 September - 1 October 2004

Bern, Switzerland

3rd International Conference on Biological Invasions: NEOBIOTA - From Ecology to Control

Hosted by the Zoological Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland. For more information:
<http://www.neobiota.unibe.ch/>

October 2004

3-5 October 2004

Lexington, Kentucky

4th Eastern Native Grass Symposium

For more information:

http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/Forestry/grass_symposium/

7-9 October 2004

Ventura, California

2004 Cal-IPC Symposium "Invasive Plants and the Wildland-Urban Interface"

For more information:

http://groups.ucanr.org/ceppc/2004_Symposium/

13-16 October 2004

Chicago, Illinois

Emerging issues: Possibilities and Perils: 31st Natural Areas Conference

Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois
for info contact rheidorn@dnrmail.state.il.us

26 October 2004

Glencoe, Illinois

The Janet Meakin Poor Research Symposium - Celebrating 10 Years of the Plant Conservation Alliance: Conservation and Restoration of Plant Communities

Hosted by Chicago Botanic Garden. For more information:
<http://www.chicagobotanic.org/symposia/pdf/jmp04.pdf>

November 2004

1-5 November 2004

Venue TBA

Convention on Biological Diversity: Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group meeting on targets, baselines and indicators

for information: Secretariat of the CBD

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2-5 November 2004

Richmond, British Columbia

Monitoring the Effectiveness of Biological Conservation

Co-presented by The Centre for Applied Conservation Research of the University of British Columbia and the British Columbia Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection have joined with the BC Ministry of Forests, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (Division 8), the Smithsonian Institution (Monitoring and Assessment of Biodiversity Program) and the US Forest Service. For more information please visit:

<http://www.forrex.org/events/mebc/>

14-17 November 2004

Tucson, Arizona

2004 NatureServe Leadership Conference - "Charting a Path Forward"

For more information:

<http://www.natureserve.org/>

15-19 November 2004

Cape Town, South Africa

XIth International Conference on Harmful Algae

Sponsored by the International Society for the Study of Harmful Algae (ISSHA) and the Phycological Society of Southern Africa (PSSA). For more information:

<http://www.botany.uwc.ac.za/pssa/hab2004/index.htm>

17-25 November 2004

Bangkok, Thailand

IUCN World Conservation Congress

Held every 3 to 4 years, the World Conservation Congresses helps IUCN members to set priorities, elect its council, and carry out other business. For more information:

http://www.iucn.org/info_and_news/press/newnovember02.htm

29 November - 1 December 2004

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Canadian Weed Science Society Annual Meeting

For more information:

<http://www.cwss-scm.ca/>

December 2004

1-3 December 2004

Montreal, Quebec

Canadian Botanical Educators Network National Meeting

Contact: Laurel McIvor, lmcivor@rbg.ca or call 514-872-5420

January 2005

6-8 January 2004

Ottawa, Ontario

Canadian Museums Research Summit

A special summit organized by the Canadian Museums Association, focussing on the role of research at all forms of museums and other collections-based institutions. For more information, visit the CMA Web site at:

<http://www.museums.ca/Cma1/WhatsNew/conferences/events/othereventssummit.htm>

February 2005

7-10 February 2005

Honolulu, Hawaii

Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting

For more information:

<http://www.wssa.netn>

April 2005

19-20 April 2005

Reno, Nevada

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

Invasive Species Conference - "Invasive Species: Their Ecological Impacts and Alternatives for Control"

(no other information in file as yet)

June 2005

15-18 June 2005

Edmonton, Alberta

PLANTCANADA 2005: The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Botanical Association

Hosted by the University of Alberta. Watch the CBA Web site for more information as it becomes available:

Web: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/botany/cba/cbameets.htm>

29 June-2 July 2005

Chicago, Illinois

AABGA Annual Conference: "Rooted In Your Community"

Hosted by The Morton Arboretum with Partners Cantigny Park, Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago Park District and the City of Chicago. The location is The Fairmont Chicago, Chicago, IL For more information watch the AABGA Web site at:

<http://www.aabga.org>

June 2005

Bari, Italy

13th EWRS (European Weed Research Society) Symposium

For more information: <http://www.ewrs.org/>

July 2005

6-9 July 2005

Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle and Collège de France,
Paris, France

The First International Phylogenetic Nomenclature Meeting

For information, email laurin@ccr.jussieu.fr and type "PhyloCode 2004 Meeting" in the subject field. To read the meeting announcement circular (in PDF format), visit <http://www.dzg-ev.de/workshops-Dateien/PN%20meeting.pdf>

18-23 July 2005

Vienna, Austria

XVII International Botanical Congress – IBC 2005

Web: <http://www.ibc2005.ac.at>

Email: office@ibc2005.ac.at

September 2005

12-18 September 2005

Zaragoza, Spain

17th International Conference on Ecological Restoration - "A Global Challenge"

For more information:

<http://www.ser.org/content/2005Conference.aspx>

September 2007

17-21 September 2007

Perth, Western Australia

9th International Conference on the Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions (EMAPi9)

For more information:

<http://www.congresswest.com.au/emapi9/>

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