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Dear colleagues,

My lab (http://www2.aegean.gr/lab_biogeography-ecology/) has got a highly interesting project entitled: ***The POLLinators of the AEGean: diversity & threats*** (POL-AEGIS), financed by the EU and the Ministry of Education of Greece. Running time will be from 2012 to 2015.

Focusing on a wide range of the Aegean Archipelago, the project will (i) assess pollinator diversity (ecological, genetic), (ii) investigate the magnitude of different drivers affecting pollinator diversity and, (iii) contribute towards the resolution of the Linnaean shortfall in Greece.

For the year 2012 we have several exciting work opportunities for a variety of researchers, which are shown below. Please distribute widely.

Thank you very much! I also take the opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season!

Theodora Petanidou

POST-DOC POSITIONS

1. One post-doc position for a bee taxonomist at the Laboratory of Biogeography & Ecology, Mytilene, Lesvos.

Requirements: Responsibilities will include sorting and taxonomy of all insects collected in the project, data analysis and manuscript writing.

Rewards – Prospects: Work for 2 + 1 years. Salary dependent on qualifications.

PHD POSITIONS (APPLICANTS WITH A BSC OR MSC DEGREE)

1. One collaborator with a special interest and abilities in insect taxonomy, preferably with a specialisation on wild bees.

Requirements: Holder of a BSc or MSc degree preferably in Biology, Agriculture/Agronomy or Forest Science. Working place at the Laboratory of Biogeography and Ecology, Institute of Geography, University of the Aegean, Mytilene. Abilities in insect curation and taxonomy, as well as field monitoring of native bees.

Rewards – Prospects: Collaboration with well-established taxonomists throughout Europe. Financial support for taxonomic specialisation in Europe and the US. The work will likely lead to the award of a PhD title. Starting date of employment: March 2012. Salary dependent on qualifications.

2. One collaborator for the physical and electronic management of collected insects in the laboratory.

Requirements: Holder of a BSc or MSc degree in a relevant field. Special ability to manage large databases. Working place at the Laboratory of Biogeography and Ecology, Institute of Geography, University of the Aegean, Mytilene.

Rewards – Prospects: Work for 1 (+ 1 + 1) year. Starting date of employment: March 2012. Salary dependent on qualifications.

3. One collaborator to conduct field and lab work in relation with post-fire restoration rate of pollinator diversity, plant–pollinator network structure and pollination services after extended wild fires.

Requirements: Holder of a BSc or MSc degree in a relevant field. Strong GIS background, ability to work in the field (insect collection, pollination treatments) and lab. The field work will be conducted in burnt Greek regions of Attica and Peloponnesus.

Rewards – Prospects: Work for 14 months with possibility to broaden the collaboration by analysing the obtained data. The work can potentially lead to the award of a PhD title. Starting date of employment: March 2012. Monthly salary: €1200 + accommodation and travel expenses.

4. One collaborator to conduct field and lab work in relation to the impacts of livestock grazing on pollinator diversity, pollination services, and plant–pollinator network structure.

Requirements: Holder of a BSc or MSc degree in a relevant field. Ability to work in the field (insect collection, pollination treatments) and the lab. Field work will take place on Lesbos Island.

Rewards – Prospects: Work for 14 months with possibility to broaden the collaboration by analysing the obtained data. The work can potentially lead to the award of a PhD title. Starting date of employment: March 2012. Monthly salary: €1200 + travel expenses.

FIELD ASSISTANT POSITIONS

1. **Three** collaborators for temporary field work positions (main responsibilities: insect collection and recording of plant – pollinator interactions) on Aegean islands for 4 – 6 months each.

Requirements: The successful candidates will have a keen interest in insects, preferably wild bees, and will be able to conduct field work independently. Holders of a BSc or MSc degree in Biology, Agriculture/Agronomy or Forest Science are preferred.

Rewards – Prospects: The successful candidates will attend special seminars before the start of the field work to ensure adequate training in the collection and management of insect and plant material. There is also the possibility of an extension of contracts. Starting date of employment: March 2012. Monthly salary: €1200 + accommodation and travel on islands.

**For more information and to apply please contact Prof. Theodora Petanidou (t.petanidou@aegean.gr) or Dr Thomas Tscheulin (t.tscheulin@geo.aegean.gr).
Application dead line: 20 January 2012.**