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HIGHLIGHT

Nature4life Knowledge Agenda

Biodiversity research has great potential to contribute to solutions for societal challenges now and in the future. The field of biodiversity research in The Netherlands is however somewhat dispersed and not as visible as we would like. That is something we want to alter, starting with a new biodiversity knowledge and research agenda : Nature4life. This knowledge agenda should represent the broad field of biodiversity, ecology and evolution research and show a shared view on the potential contributions to societal challenges and the type of research required. A broadly carried view amongst the most important research institutes in the Netherlands will ensure a big impact. The aim is to reach policymakers and other stakeholders and make them aware of the upcoming possibilities and innovations. Some months ago, we asked you, as NERN community member, to provide input to the Nature4life knowledge agenda document. We are proud and happy to be able to share the final document with you now. [You can download it here as a PDF](#). If you would like more information, or if you would like to receive a hard copy of this document, please contact: nieke.knoben@naturalis.nl.

1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **Marine Protected Areas Conference 2017 (15 - 17 May 2017)** @ Poole Dorset, United Kingdom. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Conference Pedometrics 2017 (26 June – 1 July 2017)** @ Wageningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **BES Symposium 2017- The Macro-ecology of Alien Species: Patterns, Drivers and Consequences of Global Biotic Exchange (24 – 26 July 2017)** @ Durham University, United Kingdom. For more information, please click [here](#).
 - **Fundamentals of Life in the Universe Symposium (31 August – 1 September 2017)** @ Energy Academy Building, Zernike Campus, Nijenborgh 6, Groningen, the Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
 - **Joint Annual Meeting; Ecology Across Borders (11 – 14 December 2017)** @ Ghent, Belgium. For more information, please click [here](#).
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2. Courses

- **The Art of Modelling (12 – 23 June 2017)**
Modelling is a crucial part of today's science. Particularly in agronomy, ecology and environmental sciences, where models are used for assessing sensitivity of systems to disturbances or changes in external factors, and for predictions of future system states. This course provides an introduction to modelling. For more information, please click [here](#).
 - **Summer School: Animal Movement Analysis (2 – 7 July 2017)**
The aim of this course is to provide participants with skills to assist them in working with animal movement data including data management and organization, working with large tracking datasets, data exploration, visualization and analysis of movement data. For more information, please click [here](#).
 - **9th Utrecht PhD Summer School: Environmental Signalling in Plants (28 – 30 August 2017)**
Our society depends on plants, not only as the primary source of food and dominating role in ecosystems, but also as provider of commodities such as pharmaceuticals and building materials. In many ways plants are essential contributors to human well-being and health. Experimental Plant Sciences study the fundamental life processes of plants at different organisational levels, from molecules & cells to whole plants and ecosystems. For more information, please click [here](#).
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3. Position Announcements

- For job openings, check [our website](#).
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4. Other News

- **NWO Visitor's Travel Grants (Continuous application)**. Researchers in the Netherlands can apply for a visitor's grant for highly qualified senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD. With this grant these researchers can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months. For more information and application click [here](#).
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