

Having trouble viewing this email or viewing hyperlinks? Please try our website version on http://www.nern.nl/sites/nern.nl/files/NERN_Messages_September_2016.pdf



	<p><i>Netherlands Ecological Research Network</i></p> <p><i>NERN Messages</i></p> <p><i>September 2016</i></p>

The new NERN Website is live!

During the Summer, we have worked hard on building a new NERN website. It is now online, and we hope you like it! Since NERN is a network that aims to bring together people working in the field of ecology in the Netherlands and surrounding countries, we would very much appreciate it if you would send us announcements of ecology-related courses, job offers, and other relevant meetings, so that we can post these on the NERN website. You can send these announcements to the secretary of NERN, Claudius van de Vijver (claudius.vandevijver@wur.nl).

Announcement knowledge agenda Nature4life

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. At this moment several of NERN's committee members are part of the writing process, but we also want to involve the larger NERN community. A concept version is expected to be ready in September and subsequently we aim to invite you all to have a critical look at the document.

Broad support from NERN researchers is essential to develop a well-based agenda and ensure maximum impact.

Koos Biesmeijer, on behalf of the Nature4life working group. For more information, please contact: nieke.knoben@naturalis.nl.

12 PhD positions in Evolutionary Life Sciences

The University of Groningen offers 12 PhD positions in Evolutionary Life Sciences. The four-year scholarship PhD positions will start between December 2016 and May 2017. All PhD positions are integrative by nature, spanning across different expertise groups and being strengthened by complementary PhD projects already in progress and in preparation. For more information please click [here](#).

1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **European Ecosystem Services Conference (19-23 September 2016)** @ Antwerp, Belgium. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **10th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference (19-24 September 2016)** @ Changshu, China. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **4th National eScience Symposium (13 October 2016)** @ Amsterdam Arena, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Sfécologie2016, the 2016 International Conference of the French Ecological Society (24-28 October 2016)** @ Marseille, French. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **International Conference Functional-Structural Plant Modeling (7-11 November 2016)** @ Qingdao Holiday Inn Expo, Qingdao, China. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE) Meeting (2-5 December 2016)** @ University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Zoology 2016-congres (15-17 December 2016)** @ University of Antwerp, Belgium. For more information, please click [here](#).

2. Courses

- **Soil-Landscape Modelling (3-7 October 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Uncertainty Propagation in Spatial Environmental Modelling (5-9 December 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).

3. Position Announcements

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

4. Other News

- **KNAW Beijerinck Prizes for Virology.** For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Dobberke Foundation for Comparative Psychology.** For more information, please click [here](#).
- **NWO Visitor's Travel Grants.** 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](#).
- **Call for applications: Future For Nature Awards 2017.** Future For Nature supports young, talented and ambitious conservationists committed to protecting species of wild animals and plants or conservation of nature in general. For more information, please click [here](#).

If you have information that you would like to have included in the NERN messages or on the NERN website, please send this information to Claudius.vandeVijver@wur.nl. The messages are generally sent around the first of the month.