

ABECO (Brazilian Association of Ecological Science and Conservation),
the Graduate Programs in Ecology of UNICAMP and USP, and
FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation) jointly announce the first

São Paulo International Course on Networks in Ecology

16-23 September, 2011
State of São Paulo, Brazil

An intensive course on network theory and related concepts focusing on:

- networks of species interactions
- spatial ecological networks
- applications in conservation and other environmental and evolutionary issues

The course will follow an innovative design, combining a theoretical summer school with a field-course format (venue to be announced). Activities include a mixture of lectures, practical exercises, poster and discussion sessions for student work, and a final group project. The course will be held entirely in English.

Faculty (full-time):

- Jordi Bascompte (*E.B. Doñana, CSIC, Sevilla, Spain*)
- Marie-Josée Fortin (*Univ. Toronto, Toronto, Canada*)
- Diego Vázquez (*Inst. del Semiárido, CONYCEP and Univ. Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina*)
- Stefano Allesina (*Univ. Chicago, Chicago, USA*)
- Tim Keitt (*Univ. Texas, Austin, USA*)
- Jean-Paul Metzger (*USP, São Paulo, Brazil*)
- Mauro Galetti (*UNESP, Rio Claro, Brazil*)
- Thomas Lewinsohn (*Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil*) *
- Paulo Inácio Prado (*USP, São Paulo, Brazil*) *
- Paulo R. Guimarães Jr. (*USP, São Paulo, Brazil*) *

**Organizing Committee*

Invited guest lecturers:

- Marcus Aguiar (*Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil*)
- Lucas Faria (*UFPA, Lavras, Brazil*)
- Luciano Costa (*USP, São Carlos, Brazil*)

Students

The course is aimed at graduate students and post-docs with recent PhDs, preferably those whose research is related to the course subjects.

Total offering: 40 (ca. 20 for Brazilians and 20 from other countries)

Funding

The course will be funded by FAPESP, the scientific funding agency of the State of São Paulo, within its new Program for International Advanced Science Courses (ESPCA). Full grants for travel and living expenses will be available for students (except current recipients of Fapesp scholarships).

Dates

Application (by email): **15 January - 15 April 2011**

Announcement of selected students: **15 May 2011**

Further information and application

See the course website: <http://www.abecol.org.br/redesecologia/>