

## *Frontiers of Biogeography*, a rapid forum for biogeographical advances and debate

With this issue we open the second year of *Frontiers of Biogeography* – the scientific magazine of the International Biogeography Society, which we edit for you! Intended to foster communication between biogeographers, it provides continuity between our biennial meetings (about which you can read more in the *membership corner* section). In this journal, you can communicate your developing ideas and/or opinions, share experiences in applied or academic work and at conferences, learn about new approaches and cutting edge research, and help other biogeographers keep up-to-date with what is happening in your field, all from the comfort of your home.

How can you get involved? If you have read a paper published in the last few months and feel excited about it, you could submit a commentary or update. If you recently returned from an exciting symposium, workshop or congress where biogeographical ideas were discussed, tell us what happened. If you recently evaluated a Ph.D. Thesis on any biogeographical topic, or attended a thesis defence, encourage the student to submit a summary of their Ph.D. dissertation; if you just gained your Ph.D., send us your summary, and highlight the manuscripts from your dissertation already accepted for publication. If you have time to read a book (lucky you!) then you must also have time to write a short review (lucky us!); Oxford University Press and University of California Press, among others, have kindly provided complimentary copies to reviewers for *Frontiers of Biogeography*. Or maybe you have the nugget of an idea for a book that's yet to see the light of day; why not compose your thoughts and get some early

critical feedback via an opinion, perspective, or review? Whichever way you choose to get involved<sup>1</sup>, get in touch with your local *Frontiers of Biogeography* editor. He or she will help you bring your article to press!

We strive to provide a quick and high-quality vehicle for important opinions and debate in biogeographical concepts, methodology and theory. Sometimes, the time between meetings is too long for good ideas to wait, a gap that *Frontiers of Biogeography* aims to bridge. All manuscripts are peer reviewed and acceptable ones are published online between one and six months after the initial submission. Check the editorial instructions and former issues at <http://www.biogeography.org/html/fb.html>, or contact us at [ibs@mncn.csic.es](mailto:ibs@mncn.csic.es) or [frontiersofbiogeography@gmail.com](mailto:frontiersofbiogeography@gmail.com) and start the process now – *Frontiers of Biogeography* 2.2 is just three months away!

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1. Being a magazine, there is also room for articles on more practical issues, such as how to teach and/or disseminate biogeographical knowledge, or incorporating research and conservation policies, as well as biographies of eminent biogeographers, and views on the historical development of biogeography. And do not forget that we regularly include announcements of jobs and meetings.

You can find information about the **International Biogeography Society** at <http://www.biogeography.org/>, and contact with other biogeographers at the **IBS blog** (<http://biogeography.blogspot.com/>), the **IBS facebook group** (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6908354463>) and the **IBS twitter channel** (<https://twitter.com/biogeography>).