Recent publications in the school


This is Katie’s first publication and at first author from her PhD. Her senior supervisor is Professor Jon Harding. Congratulations Katie!


PhD oral exam

Matthew van Voorthuizen completed his PhD oral exam on Friday 13th July. Matt completed all of his three degrees here at UC; B.Sc., M.Sc. and now his Ph.D. Matt’s plant based research has kept him busy over at the Glasshouses. We wish him well after his studies in UC. Congratulations Matt!
We remember...

**Richard (Dick) Pharis.** Was a frequent visitor to the School and an owner/director of Torlesse wines.

We remember (provided by his family). I will miss his soft Canadian tones and his wit.

In the spotlight

**Time to share Antarctic stations and reform the treaty**

OPINION: Written by Dr Paul Broady.  
In December, China started building a research station on Inexpressible Island, 350 kilometres north of New Zealand's Scott Base.

Under the Antarctic Treaty System this should not have happened until the proposal had been considered at this year's Antarctic treaty meetings in May.

**Dr Paul Broady** was a teacher and researcher in the School of Biological Sciences with a particular interest in the ecology of life on land in Antarctica. Read the full article at [Stuff: Science](https://www.stuff.co.nz/science/plants-and-animals/115421980/time-to-share-antarctic-stations-and-reform-the-treaty).

Events

**The New Zealand Institute of Agricultural & Horticultural Science**

*Water in Canterbury - our vital resource*  
Wednesday 24th October 2018  
Stewart 1, Lincoln University, Lincoln  
[Registration](https://lincoln.edu.nz) now open

Conferences

**The 31st Australasian Wildlife Management Society (AWMS) conference**

4-6 December 2018, Hobart, Tasmania

Integrating wildlife management, nature conservation and production in land-, river- and seascapes

For more information on the conference, how to participate, student prizes and subsidies, how to register and submit abstracts (**deadline 31. August 2018**) please visit our conference website [www.awms.org.au/conference](http://www.awms.org.au/conference), or contact the conference organiser ([conference@awms.org.au](mailto:conference@awms.org.au)).

In addition to dedicated sessions for students and general presentations, proposed symposia are:

- Effectiveness of ‘multi-use’ landscape management practices
- Managing freshwater and marine systems for wildlife
- What does ‘renewables (solar, wind, hydro)’ mean for wildlife management?
- Cultural practices in wildlife management – how and why?
- Harvesting and control of wildlife for commercial and environmental purposes
- Management of wide-ranging species across the landscape
- Wildlife disease management

Other symposia will be organised to fit the topics of the abstracts received. There will also be open sessions to accommodate talks on any topic related to wildlife management.

There are many ways to participate at the AWMS2018 conference:
a) Register as delegate to learn about projects and research, and network with other professionals in the wildlife management field,
b) Present your project with a talk or poster;
c) Promote your company or organisation with one of our sponsorship packages or take part in the trade exhibition.

An AWMS conference typically attracts 200 delegates from the Australasian region, with members from Australia, New Zealand, and around the world, all of whom have an interest in the wildlife management field. AWMS promotes the use of science to identify appropriate wildlife management principles and practices, develop plans of management, and to implement and review these plans within a social, environmental, economic and political context. AWMS members include research scientists, educators, wildlife managers, and extension, interpretation and policy professionals.

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**Postgraduate news**

**Thesis-in-three**

The School of Biological Sciences is having its heat this Friday. We have 10 competing this year and are looking forward to hearing some awesome research delivered in three minutes.

Wanna come by and check out your competition!?

Pūtaio koiora 275
3:00 – 5:00 pm
Friday 27th July

**Opportunity for students to visit Princeton University's Ecology and Evolution department**

We are trying to attract a broader range of students to apply to the program and one way that the department is trying to encourage that is to have a no-strings-attached visit to the department for students that are applying to PhD programs and might not consider a place like Princeton otherwise. The visit would be a 4-day trip in early October where successful applicants would get to see the department, meet faculty, and talk to current graduate students. For successful applicants, Princeton will cover the travel (at least $900 worth though this will likely be greater for international travelers), lodging, and food expenses for the four days.

EEB encourages students to apply to the 2018 EEB Scholars Program, in which exceptional students (EEB Scholars) will be selected from a competitive national applicant pool and invited to Princeton University for a weekend program focused on the graduate application process, connecting with EEB faculty and students, and highlighting Scholars’ academic achievements. Students with backgrounds historically underrepresented in STEM are particularly encouraged to apply to this scholastic program.

[Full details](#)

[Flyer](#)
Vacancies

Open Faculty Positions in Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Sciences

Application Deadline: August 31, 2018 (EDT)
Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (https://www.oist.jp/) invites applications for at least 2 new faculty positions in ecology, evolution, and related disciplines as part of its planned expansion. Scientists using theoretical or empirical approaches, and working on any system/geographic region will be considered.

Excellent scholarship and creativity will be the main criteria. We are particularly interested in scholars who complement and extend existing strengths at OIST and have the potential to interact broadly with the interdisciplinary OIST community.

Successful candidates are expected to establish an active and independent program of research, to supervise Ph.D. students, to teach in the graduate program, and perform service tasks. Generous and sustained research resources will be provided, which may be supplemented with external grants. Appointments will be Tenure-Track or Tenured. Starting date is flexible. There are also Open Faculty Positions advertised in Marine Science at OIST, applications via either route will be shared, please apply only once.

Applications should include the following:

1. **Cover letter** with contact details
2. **CV and publication list**: including one or two sentences describing up to six significant reports
3. **Research Statement**: summary of previous research (max. 1 page) and research proposal, (max. 2 pages)
4. **Teaching Statement** (max. 1 page)
5. **Contact Reference** (3 referees will be approached only if shortlisted)

Information and instructions regarding application submission: [https://groups.oist.jp/facultypositions](https://groups.oist.jp/facultypositions)

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**For both positions:**
OIST offers a world-class research environment with an international research community and opportunities for interdisciplinary research. Research and teaching are conducted in English. The campus is situated in a beautiful subtropical setting in Okinawa, Japan, providing opportunities to work on a range of interesting ecosystems on the island and more broadly in the Asia-Pacific region.

OIST Graduate University is an equal opportunity educator and employer that is actively working to increase the diversity of its faculty, students and staff. OIST has implemented policies designed to promote a culture of diversity and inclusion and a family friendly working environment. These include considerations for hiring and supporting dual career couples, “stop the clock” options for new parents, an on-site child care facility for children from 2 months to 6 years of age, and after-school and holiday programs for K-6 children. The University strongly encourages applications from women and other underrepresented groups.

Inquiries should be directed to Professor Mary Collins, Provost and Dean of Research, [faculty-recruiting@oist.jp](mailto:faculty-recruiting@oist.jp)

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**What movie is that?**

My name is Reuben Warshowsky.

427: General Woundwort's body was never found. It could be that he still lives his fierce life somewhere else, but from that day on, mother rabbits would tell their kittens that if they did not do as they were told, the General would get them. Such was Woundwort's monument, and perhaps it would not have displeased him.

Answer: *Watership Down* (1978)

Guessed by: Lyn de Groot

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**Classified**

**Offering private tutoring**
Aimed at 1st and 2nd yr students, in the area of microbiology, molecular biology and genetics. Contact: [Dian Munoz](mailto:Dian.Munoz), or ph: 0221031977

**Needing garden plants for research**
Masters student is looking for some garden grapes (*Vitis vinifera*) and fruit from the Bay plant (*Laurus nobalis*) as part of her master’s project and was wondering if anyone may have some in their garden. Email [Laura](mailto:Laura) or see her directly in room 325.

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...and now for something completely different

Check out the happy couple!

Very appropriate cake indeed
Thought for the week

Celebrate it
Anticipate it
Yesterday's faded
Nothing can change it
Life’s what you make it
~ Talk Talk

Contact details

If you have items of news or interest that you would like included in this newsletter, contact the admin office before noon on Friday at BIOLAdminSharedMailbox or phone ext 95200.