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1) 2015 ScNat bicentenary

The Swiss Academy of sciences is celebrating its 200th birthday in 2015. This event will be a great opportunity for all biologists to put forward their work and to acknowledge the support of the SCNAT in studies conducted in Swiss institutions. The SSS proposes to participate to this celebration with the project “Species 200”: a list of 200 species described by researchers who have received a support of any kind from the SCNAT during their work.

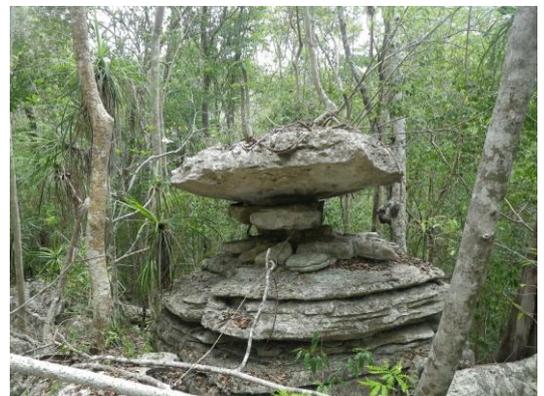
Call to all SSS members: Give your species!

Species 200 was officially launched during the SSS-Day in Geneva. See the attached document for details and participation. Deadline for contribution: 31 January 2015



2) Best master's thesis award 2014

This year best master's thesis award was given to Ralph Bolliger for his work entitled “*Etude de la forêt de Beanka, une formation karstique de l'ouest de Madagascar: composition floristique et biogeographie*», conducted at the Université de Genève & Conservatoire et Jardin botaniques de la Ville de Genève. This thesis summarized six months of fieldwork on this little-known karstic region, and resulted in a global floristic analysis of the forest, along with the description of species new to science.



3) Biology15

Next year Biology, the Swiss conference on organismic biology, will be hosted at [Eawag](#), the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology, at the Dübendorf Campus close to Zürich, on 12 and 13 February 2015.



[Biology15](#) is the 2015 annual joint meeting of the Swiss Zoological Society, the Swiss Botanical Society, and the Swiss Systematics Society. Registration and abstract submission will start in late November 2014.

4) 2014 General Assembly of the SSS

The general assembly was held on November 14th in Geneva during the SSS-Day. 20 members attended. Rapport by the President and the Treasurer were presented for the past year (2013) and accepted by the members. As no election was required, the board of the Society remained unchanged. The points discussed included the project Species 200, the new website and the next meetings for 2015. Finally, Donat Agosti presented briefly an update on the [Bouchout Declaration](#) (see SSS-News # 23), which has been supported by over 200 organizations and individuals.

