



Belgian Biodiversity Platform
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*The Belgian Biodiversity Platform team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
We are looking forward to work with you in 2013.*

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1. Release of the new Belgian Biodiversity Platform website

The Belgian Biodiversity Platform team is pleased to announce the launch of its [new website](#).

Users of our main portal are either interested in getting information on how to [fund their biodiversity research](#), how they can [publish their biodiversity data](#) or may be keen to participate in [workshops](#). Other visitors are more interested in getting information about the [latest policy developments](#), make use of biodiversity [research recommendations to policy makers](#), [meet other experts](#), take part in [Communities of Practice](#) or [think with us](#) on the most relevant biodiversity-related topics.

Our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors with an easier way to learn about these services. Our activities are now presented in a user-friendly manner and our users are encouraged to get involved.

We will be adding new contents on a regular basis to keep you informed on the latest developments in biodiversity science and biodiversity science-policy.

[Career opportunities](#) will be posted as they become available.

Make sure to [subscribe to our RSS feeds](#).

We hope you find the new website has a fresh look, is easy to use and is informative. Please send us your feedback: contact@biodiversity.be

2. Call BRAIN-be for biodiversity research

The Council of Ministers approved on 5 October 2012, the launch of the first phase (2012-2018) of the recurrent Research Framework Programme [BRAIN-be](#) (Belgian Research Action through Interdisciplinary Networks). The funding programme is organised around six themes:

Ecosystems, biodiversity, life history
Geosystems universe and climate
Cultural, historical and scientific heritage
Federal government strategies
Major societal challenges
Collections Management

The theme “Ecosystems, biodiversity, life history” will be released early 2013. For a description of the topic, see the web page on BRAIN-be website in [FR](#) or [NL](#).

For more information, please contact the Secretariat of BRAIN-be: BRAIN-be@belspo.be or visit the [Belgian Biodiversity Platform website](#).

3. Call for nominations for the 2013 Ebbe Nielsen Prize (GBIF)

The Global Biodiversity Information Facility ([GBIF](#)) invites nominations for the 2013 [Ebbe Nielsen Prize](#), awarded annually to a person or team who demonstrates excellence in combining biodiversity informatics and biosystematics research.

The €30,000 award is intended to allow the recipient(s) to engage in biosystematics/biodiversity informatics research outside his/ her/ their country of residence for a period of 3-6 months.

Belgian individuals or institutions that wish to be nominated should motivate their candidacy to the Belgian Head of Delegation, [François Guissart](#) by February 1st 2013. The Belgian selection committee will nominate a body of recent and current research that demonstrates excellence, novelty and innovation in advancing the integration of biodiversity science and informatics.

For further details, please download the full [call for nominations](#).

4. Call for proposals for the 2013 Young Researchers Award (GBIF)

The Global Biodiversity Information Facility ([GBIF](#)) invites proposals from graduate students for the 2013 [Young Researchers Award](#). This prize intends to foster innovative research and discovery in biodiversity informatics.

Two awards of €4,000 will be available to graduate students in a master's or doctoral programme. Belgian students are invited to submit their proposal to the Head of the Belgian GBIF Delegation, [François Guissart](#).

For further details, please download the full [call for proposals](#).

Read more about the [earlier award winners](#).

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