Curriculum Vitae
Thibaut DELSINNE - Ph.D.

Personal data

Date and place of birth: 12 February 1978; Lille (France)
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Research interests

Biological conservation, biodiversity monitoring, Formicidae: community ecology, behaviour, invasive species, chemical ecology, biogeography, taxonomy.

Present position

2007-present: Research Associate, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS) - Belgian Biodiversity Information Facility (BeBIF). I am working in a postdoctoral position to digitize a reference collection of ants from the Paraguayan dry Chaco and to make it accessible on an interactive website.

Education


2000: Master Population and Ecosystem Biology, University of Lille, France (USTL) Mention Bien. Ranked 2 out of 104.

1999: Bachelor in Organism Biology, USTL Mention Bien. Ranked 1 out of 205.


Professional training


Language capability

French: mother tongue, English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), German (basic, under training), Dutch (basic, under training).
Publications and professional services

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

**Delsinne T.**, Leponce M., Theunis L., Braet Y., Roisin, Y.: Rainfall influences ant sampling in dry forests. *Biotropica, accepted for publication.*


IN PREPARATION


Mackay W., **Delsinne T.**, *in prep.:* A new species of carpenter ant (Hymenoptera: Formicidae: *Camponotus*) from Paraguay with a key to the New World members of the *maculatus* species complex.


BOOK CHAPTER


DISSERTATIONS


SYMPOSIAS

24-28 July 2005: English talk at the "Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation" (ATBC) meeting; Uberlândia, Brazil.

12-15 July 2004: English poster at the ATBC meeting. Miami, United-States.
01-03 September 2003: French talk at the "Union Internationale pour l’Etude des Insectes Sociaux – Section Française" (UIEIS-SF) meeting. Brussels, Belgium.

07 July 2003: English talk at the RBISN, during the Ph.D. student exchange with the "Natural History Museum" of London. Brussels, Belgium.

03 September 2002: French poster at the "Société d’Etudes Ornithologiques de France” (SEOF) meeting. Strasbourg, France.

06-08 September 2000: French poster at the UIEIS-SF meeting. Dijon, France.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS FOR:

Grants & Gift awarded

*Ph.D. financial supports:*
- Fonds pour la formation à la Recherche dans l'Industrie et dans l'Agriculture (FRIA)
- Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS).
- Fonds David et Alice van BUUREN.

Research experiences

**TRAINING EXPERIENCES WITH ANTS**

October-November 2006: Field experience during the international research projects IBISCA-Queensland (Australia) and IBISCA-Santo (Vanuatu) [www.ibisca.net]. I sampled the ant assemblages distributed from the ground to the canopy levels of forests located along altitudinal gradients.

February-November 2001: Pre-doctoral training at the "Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique" (CNRS), Montpellier, France. I studied the chemical ecology of different ant-plant symbioses. Advisors: Doyle McKey and Claude Andary.

April-May 2000: Master training at the "Institut de Recherche pour le Développement" (IRD), Noumea, New Caledonia. I studied the invasive ant species *Wasmannia auropunctata* and its competitive ability in a dry forest of New Caledonia. Advisors: Jean Chazeau and Hervé Jourdan.

**OTHERS EXPERIENCES**

22-26 October 2007: Participation at the organization of the first meeting for the negotiation of an Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats. This Agreement is under the auspices of the UN Convention on Migratory Species (CMS). [www.sciencesnaturelles.be/sciences/projects/gorilla].

January 2001: Pre-doctoral training at the Herpetological Laboratory of the Australian Museum, Sydney, Australia. I studied the taxonomic status of the Scincidae lizard *Caledoniscincus austrocaledonicus* thanks to morphological survey. Advisor: Ross Sadlier.

August 1999: Volunteer training at the "Office National des Forêts" (ONF), Saint-Sébastien, France. I inventoried birds (in particular prey birds) present at the Obiou mountain. Advisor: Jean-Pierre Agresti.