

Invitation Biology Department

Launch Event of the newly merged section of
Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity Conservation

February 6th 2012
Auditorium Zeger Van Hee, College De Valk, Tiensestraat 41, Leuven



Program

13.30h Welcome by Peter Lievens (Dean) and Veerle Darras (Department Chair)

13.50h Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity Conservation by Luc De Meester (Section Chair)

14.10h Ecology, Evolution and Society: Short thought provoking talks (*Pecha Kucha*)

Introduction by Olivier Honnay

Tine Huyse: Evolution and tropical diseases

Martin Hermy: Green the cityscape: a welcome necessity

Filip Volckaert: Ecology, evolution and fisheries

Bart Lievens: Microorganisms and industrial ecosystems

Robby Stoks: Stressing ecology in toxicology

Kristof Benaets: Honeybee colony collapse: where do we stand?

15.15h Coffee

15.40h Ecology, Evolution and Society: Short thought provoking talks (*Pecha Kucha*)

Ellen Decaestecker: Ecology, health and disease

Joachim Mergeay: Genes and nature conservation

Jos Snoeks: The role of systematic insight

Olivier Honnay: Crop wild relatives: Common ground between breeding and ecology

Maarten Larmuseau: The ecology and evolution of history

Koenraad Muylaert: Algae – the green gold

Luc Brendonck: Ecology and sustainable development

16.40h Closing

16.45h Reception



From 9.30h until 12.00h, PhD students and postdocs from the new Section will present their research through posters and talks. Attendance is open to all.



*With more than 75 researchers and technical staff, the new section of **Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity Conservation** of Leuven University will be a major national and international center of expertise regarding all aspects of biodiversity research. The new section is a merger of the Plant Systematics and Ecology section and the Animal Ecology and Systematics section of the Biology Department.*