



PACINET: Pacific Island Partnership for Taxonomy

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST -VOLUNTEERS

Expressions of interest are invited from individuals with an interest in taxonomy, parataxonomy or biodiversity, particularly ethnobiodiversity to participate as volunteers in support of the regional taxonomic capacity building program PACINET.

PACINET is a sub-regional partnership affiliated with the "BioNET-International" global network for taxonomy, a not-for-profit initiative to promote taxonomy "in the biodiversity rich but economically poorer countries of the world." BioNET's overall objective is to raise awareness of the relevance of taxonomy to tackling conservation and sustainable development. PACINET works within this framework but focuses on Pacific Island priorities. Therefore, PACINET is part of a worldwide network of people and institutions dedicated to pooling, sharing and enhancing the world's taxonomic resources. PACINET aims to further develop the Pacific Island's capability to identify, name and understand the roles and relationships of the organisms that constitute its biodiversity.

Further information about PACINET can be obtained from the PACINET website at <http://www.pbif.org/pacinet/default.html>

Volunteers tasks might include: data-base management, hands-on practical support to regional reference collections and development of educational displays, preparation of materials for awareness raising and media activities, translation of materials into regional languages. Volunteers would need to be reliable, computer literate and possess effective communication skills. Experience in dealing with people and organizations outside a University environment would also be favorably viewed.

If you think you meet the above requirements, please send in your expression of interest letter stating why you would like to work for a taxonomic capacity building program, a copy of your CV and contact details to:

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