

Community Call:
Managing Multilingual Communities

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# **DIOTROPICA**

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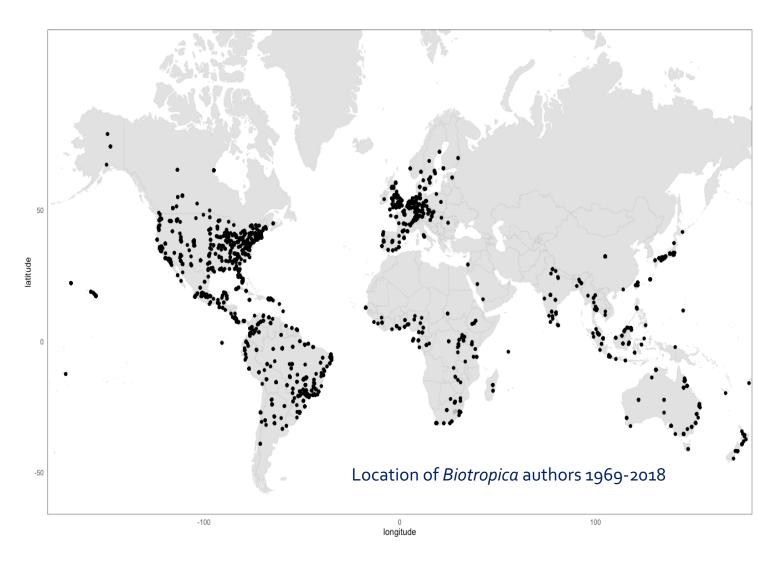
~450 decisions

~300 new manuscripts

~110 papers published

~40% student 1<sup>st</sup> author

# 2018: contributing authors from >40 countries





# Working with a (really) multilingual community

## **Policy**

- 1) As a society journal, one of our important roles is to advance the scholarship of the ATBCs global membership
- 2) Language issues are *never* grounds for rejection.
- 3) A geographically diverse editorial board is central to our success.

### People

- 52 Subject Editors in 20 countries\*
- 2) >1000 reviewers around the world.
- 3) Editors are key! They select diverse reviewers, often communicate with authors and referees in native language, 'translate'.
- 4) Because many editors & reviewers are also not native speakers, they also make mistakes and hence are understanding.

### Actions

- 1) We pay for manuscript editing.
- 2) Eliminate "native English speaker" from reviews & decision letters
- 3) Request abstracts in second language (10 languages in 2017)
- 4) Advertise incessantly to increase awareness



# Why this matters (and some suggestions)

- 1) It's not about the community members you have, it's about the ones you could have
- 2) A review process in English is fine. So are occasional comments (or even reviews) in a foreign language.
- Don't get hung up on language issues unless they get in the way of reviewing the work.
- Editing and translation is low hanging but high impact fruit. Hire professionals to do it.
- 5) Show people you're welcoming (explicitly & indirectly)

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Biotropica @Biotropica · Jun 24 Alguien puede ayudar nuestro editor?



Eric J. Fuchs @E\_J\_Fuchs · Jun 24

What would be a good Spanish translation for "genetic draft"? ¿La corriente genética? No suena nada bien!!! jajaja



Imperial College



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### These efforts are appreciated...

NDVI is not reliable as a surrogate of forage abundance for a large herbivore in tropical forest habitat

Hansraj Gautam, Evangeline Arulmalar, Mihi

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#### ಅಮೂರ್ಹ

ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿಗಳ ಅಧ್ಯಯನದಲ್ಲಿ, ದೂರಸಂವೇದಿ indices) ಹೆಚ್ಚೆಚ್ಚು ಬಳಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆಹಾರದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಾಧ್ಯಯನದ ಬೆಂಬಲವು ಬಹುತೇಕ ತೆರೆದ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಗಳಿಂದ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ದೂರಸಂವೇದಿ ತ ಸೂಚ್ಯಂಕ (normalized difference veget Kollegala Sharma @kollegala

#Kannada in @Biotropica thanks to @tncvidya @jncasr. Was happy to help in translation. May be such Indian language abstracts in International pure science journals counted on fingers. But it is exciting to see them like this, and more exciting in print.

ಕಾಡುಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಏಶಿಯಾದ ಆನೆಗಳ ಆಹಾರದ ಲಭ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಸೂಚಿಸುತ್ತದೆಯೋ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನಿಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ಪರೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿದೆವು. ಆದರೆ ಒಟ್ರಾರೆ ಇರುವ ಸಸ್ಯಪ್ರಭೇದಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹಾರಪ್ರಭೇದಗಳ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಬಲು ಕಡಿಮೆ ಎಂದು ಕಂಡುಕೊಂಡೆವು. ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಸ್ಯಪ್ರಭೇದದಲ್ಲೂ ಆಹಾರ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಅಳತೆಯನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲು ಎನ್ ಡಿ ವಿ ಐ ಸಮರ್ಥವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೆಲಮಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನೆಂದರೆ (ಎ) ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಸ್ಯಪ್ರಭೇದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಆಯಾ ಪ್ರಭೇದಗಳ ಒಟ್ರಾರೆ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಹೋಲಿಸಿದರೆ ಆಹಾರ ಪ್ರಭೇದಗಳ ಪ್ರಮಾಣವು ತೀರ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಅಥವಾ ಮಧ್ಯಮ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿರುವುದು (ಬಿ) ಆಹಾರ ಪ್ರಭೇದಗಳು ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗಲೂ ಮೇಲ್ಟಾವಣಿಯ ಸಸ್ಯರಾಶಿಯ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿರುವುದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಆಹಾರದ ಲಭ್ಯತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಎನ್ಡ ವಿ ಐ ಸೂಚ್ಯಂಕಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಹೊಂದಿಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದು, ಹಾಗೂ, ಗ್ರಾಮಿನಿಡೇ (ಹುಲ್ಲು ಸಸ್ಯಗಳು) ವರ್ಗದ ಆಹಾರ ಪ್ರಭೇದಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ ಆಹಾರ ಸಸ್ಯಗಳ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹೊಂದಿಕೆ ಇರುವುದು (ಸಿ) ನೆಲಮಟ್ಟದ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಆಹಾರವನ್ನು ಅಳತೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅಂಶಗಳಿಗೂ

### ...and they can stimulate change.



American Naturalist @ASNAmNat · Mar 29, 2018

We're following the lead of @Biotropica (and @JEcology) too. We will have native language abstracts on the abstract page and html (and ebook) versions. We'll get the instructions up soon. Thanks for the inspiration!



🙆 **David Gibson** @DavidJohnGibson · Mar 28, 2018

Native language abstracts. Really important initiative for #Scicomm #Equality #Diversity @JEcology follows @Biotropica lead. "Why is it important to publish an abstract in the indigenous language of the research country?" jecologyblog.wordpress.com/2018/03/28/ind...

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### We even use them to dunk on the competition.



#### Biotropica @Biotropica · Mar 1, 2018

Of course we will also publish your **abstract** in Thai. What do we look like, PNAS?



