

## Ecology and Global Change Cluster News: April 2011

**04/04/2011**

**News**

**Long-term forest dynamics in Peruvian Amazonia (Investigators: Katy Roucoux, Tim Baker, Ian Lawson)**

A new website for our Peruvian palaeoecological work has now appeared at

<http://www.geog.leeds.ac.uk/projects/ltd>, complete with TV footage of the team, which also included **Tim Jones**, in action last summer!

Last week **Alan Grainger** was co-chair of a Dialogue on Global Forest Monitoring held in the Washington DC area at the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Maryland, College Park. The meeting, held on 31 March and 1 April, was attended by members of the team bidding for a WorldForest project, other interested scientists, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations, US government agencies and non-governmental organizations.

**11/04/2011**

**News:**

The School welcomes **Dr. Luciana Gatti** and **Dr. John Miller** who are visiting the University of Leeds for 3 weeks to collaborate with **Emanuel Gloor**, with the purpose of finalising two high-profile publications on the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> budgets. This is within the framework of several collaborative projects including the NERC consortium grant AMAZONICA. Luciana Gatti is the Head of Atmospheric Chemistry Analysis Laboratory, at IPEN, São Paulo; and John Miller is a Research Scientist at NOAA/Earth System Research Laboratory/Global Monitoring Division, and CIRES, University of Colorado.

Last week a sizeable EGC contingent was in Cambridge for the annual symposium of the British Ecological Society, "Forests and Global Change". **Oliver Phillips** gave a plenary lecture on recent changes in tropical forest ecosystems, **Simon Lewis** and **Lindsay Banin** gave research talks on drivers of change and on the contrasts between Amazon and Bornean forest productivity, and **Sophie Fauset** presented a poster of her liana PhD research from Ghana. **Roel Brienen** and **David Greenberg** also attended.

**Simon Lewis** gave an interview to Allianz (<http://knowledge.allianz.com/?1398/amazon-drought-deforestation-carbon-sink>), and Chinese magazine 'Modern Weekly' about the Amazon 2010 drought. Simon was a keynote speaker at Biovision, the 7<sup>th</sup> World Life Sciences Forum, and spoke at the British Ecological Society Symposium in Cambridge last week.

**New publication:**

**Swindles, G.T.** (2011) Late Quaternary Environmental Change and Archaeology: Case Studies in the Lower Bann Valley and Belfast District. Field Guide 26. Irish Quaternary Association. 24 pp. ISBN 0947920366.

**18/04/2011**

**No news**