

Society for Tropical Ecology - *gtö*



42st Newsletter

Letter from the President

Dear members of gtö,

The year 2016 is coming to an end and our next annual conference is approaching very fast. Time ago we have decided to make gtö more international and turn it from a primarily German association into a European one. Consequently, we started using our English name, Society for Tropical Ecology – gtö. Also, the annual scientific meeting of the Society for Tropical Ecology is now called “European Conference of Tropical Ecology”. On our way to become more international, we try to hold these annual conferences once in Germany and once in another European country. After Erlangen (2012) followed Vienna (2013), Freising (2014) was followed by Zürich (2015), and after the very successful conference in Göttingen (2016) the next conference (2017) will be held in Brussels. It will take place from 6 - 10 February 2017, on the campus “Etterbeek” from the Vrije Universiteit Brussels and is organized by three Universities and three research-museum institutions. In the context of this conference we will also have our annual gtö members’ assembly, which will take place on Thursday, 9 February. Please see the formal invitation, the conference program, the agenda for the members assembly and other details in this newsletter on pages 3-5 or on the web page of the conference <http://www.socetropecol-2017.eu/>.

The overarching topic of our conference will be “(Re)connecting tropical biodiversity in space and time”. So far we have received more than 350 registrations from a wide range of countries and we are looking forward to a

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highly interesting conference, full of excellent presentations and inspiring research on tropical ecology. I do hope most, if not all of you, will join us in Brussels.

The gtö Board has tried to present another interesting newsletter for you, the members of gtö. Here, I especially would like to thank Eike Lena Neuschulz for her excellent work in compiling once more all the many pieces of information into one newsletter. Enjoy the reading!

Best season's greetings and I do hope seeing you all in Brussels!



Prof. Dr. Manfred Niekisch

President of the Society for Tropical Ecology (gtö)



Mt. Kilimanjaro seen from Maua Route (~3200 m a.s.l.). Kibo summit (left) and Mawenzi (right). Picture: Maximilian Vollstädt

Invitation to the European Conference of Tropical Ecology and 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for Tropical Ecology, 6-10 February 2017 Brussels, Belgium



Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the European Conference of Tropical Ecology - the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society for Tropical Ecology (gtö) - will be organized in Brussels (Belgium) by three Universities and three research-museum institutions. It will take place from Monday 6 to Friday 10 February 2017, on the campus Etterbeek from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). The overarching topic will be “(re)connecting tropical biodiversity in space and time”. It highlights both the importance of integrating fundamental sciences inferring past processes (e.g. paleoecology, evolution, social history) to understand current patterns of biodiversity, and the urgent need to reconnect patches of fragmented landscapes if we wish to conserve tropical biodiversity and ecological services of tropical ecosystems for future generations.

The scientific program of the conference includes five plenary talks by renowned international scientists, and 363 contributed talks or posters organized in 25 thematic sessions. For the 2017 edition, three free workshops are available on Friday, and the evening public conference (Tuesday) will be organized as a roundtable with several stakeholders around the following question: “Can industrial logging and nature conservation be allies in Central Africa?” As another novelty, a free half-day is programmed on Wednesday afternoon to allow you to discover tropical collections of nearby research-museum institutes, or visit Brussels at your best convenience. We hope that these extra-activities will give a break in the flow of contributed talks and help create new contacts between participants. A welcome reception (Monday evening) and the conference dinner “party” (Thursday) will complete the social program, with several surprises - Don’t forget to participate in the photo competition!

Please share this information with colleagues, students and all other persons who have an interest in participating, and visit our website to register: <http://www.socstropecol-2017.eu/>

We are looking forward to arranging a stimulating conference and hope that you will be able to join us in Brussels, the capital of Europe!



Local organizers:

Local organizers: Olivier Hardy (ULB), Jérémie Migliore (ULB), Yves Roisin (ULB), Farid Dahdouh-Guebas (ULB, VUB, ARSOM/KAOW), Karolien Van Puyvelde (VUB), Marc Kochzius (VUB), Niko Koedam (VUB), Jean-Louis Doucet (GxABT-ULg), Maurice Leponce (RBINS), Erik Verheyen (RBINS), Patricia Mergen (RMCA, BGM), Hans Beeckman (RMCA), Steven Janssens (BGM), and Philippe Goyens (ARSOM/KAOW) from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), the Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech – Université de Liège (GxABT-ULg), the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS), the Royal Museum of Central Africa (RMCA), the Botanic Garden Meise (BGM), and the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (ARSOM/KAOW).

Contact conference office: info@gtöe-conference.de

Einladung zur 30. Mitgliederversammlung der gtö in Brüssel 2017 / Invitation to the 30th annual members assembly of gtö in Brussels 2017

Das Präsidium der gtö, vertreten durch den Präsidenten, lädt alle Mitglieder zur **30. Mitgliederversammlung der gtö am 07. Februar 2017 von 17:30 bis 18:30 Uhr im Hörsaal „Q Maathai“ der Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Campus Etterbeek, Pleinlaan / Bd de la Plaine, Brüssel, Belgien.**

The Executive Board of the gtö, represented by its President, invites its members to the **30th annual general assembly held on the 07th of February 2017 from 17:30 to 18:30 at the auditorium Q Maathai of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Campus Etterbeek, Pleinlaan / Bd de la Plaine, Brussels, Belgium.**

Tagesordnung / Agenda:

1. Eröffnung der MV durch den Präsidenten und Annahme der Tagesordnung / Opening of the general assembly by the president and approval of the agenda

2. Wahl des Schriftführers / Election of the assembly's secretary
3. Genehmigung des Protokolls der 29. MV / Approval of the minutes of the 29th general assembly
4. Bericht des Präsidiums über das Geschäftsjahr 2016 und Bericht des Schatzmeisters / Report of the executive board on financial year 2016 and report of the treasurer
5. Bericht des Sprechers des Wissenschaftlichen Beirats / Report of the advisory board
6. Bericht der Kassenprüfer / Report of the cash accounter
7. Entlastung des Präsidiums / Discharge of the board
8. Wahl des Kassenprüfers / Election of the cash accounter
9. Ecotropica / Ecotropica
10. Organisation DAAD Alumni Seminar 2018 / Organization DAAD Alumni seminar 2018
11. Ankündigung der Wahlen für Präsidium und Beirat in 2018 / Announcement of elections of the executive and advisory board in 2018
12. Vorbereitung der Tagungen / MVs 2018 und 2019 / Preparation of annual meetings / general assemblies in 2018 and 2019
13. Verschiedenes / Miscellaneous

European Conference of Tropical Ecology and 29th annual meeting of the Society for Tropical Ecology in Göttingen, 2016



The annual meeting of the gtö 2016 and the first European Conference of Tropical Ecology took place in Göttingen from 23-26 February entitled “Tropical diversity, ecology and land use”. With 195 talks in three parallel session and 98 poster contributions, the meeting in Göttingen kept up with the record of high conference participation that we already experienced at the Zürich meeting in 2015. Six plenary speakers (from the China, France, UK, The Netherlands, and Kenya) gave enlightening presentations on their research. In the Elisabeth-Kalko Memorial evening lecture, Prof. Alexandra-Maria Klein talked about the diversity and great importance of flower-pollinating animals.

We thank the local organizers, **Prof. Dr. Hermann Behling, Dr. Ingro Grass, Prof. Dr. Eckhard W. Heymann, Dr. Stefan Hohnwald, Dr. Jürgen Homeier, Prof. Dr. Dirk Hölscher and Simone Pfeiffer** for this great European meeting.

See Appendix I for the minutes of the general assembly, in both German and English
See Appendix II for budgetary revenues and expenditures (“Kassenbericht”) Year 2015

Winners of the Merian Award 2016



At the annual meeting in Göttingen, the best three talks and the best three posters of young scientists were honoured by the Merian Award. From left to right on the picture: Manfred Niekisch and Eckhard Heymann congratulating the awardees, Kartika Hapsari, Gloria Gessinger, Anita Weißflog, Fritz Kleinschroth and James Smith. Not on the picture: Hsiao-Hang Tao. The gtö congratulates the winners for their excellent presentations!

Merian Awards 2016 for the best talks

1st: **Kartika Hapsari**, University of Göttingen: “Deglacial and Holocene environmental and peat-carbon accumulation dynamics of a peatland in the coastal area of central Sumatra, Indonesia”

2nd: **Fritz Kleinschroth**, CIRAD Montpellier and Bandor University: “Roadless space and logging in intact forest landscape of the Congo basin”

3rd: **Anita Weißflog**, Bayreuth University: “Insect herbivory and predation pressure across a tropical rainfall and tree species richness gradient”

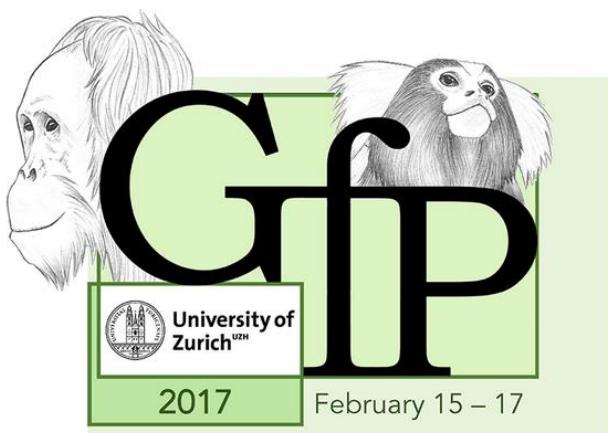
Merian Awards 2016 for the best posters

1st: **Gloria Gessinger**, Ulm University: “Oral emission of echolocation calls in phyllostomid bats?”

2nd: **James Smith**, ETH Zürich: “Untangling the liana dominance hypothesis: are lianas increasing in an aseasonal Neotropical forest?”

3rd: **Hsiao-Hang Tao**, University of Oxford: “Long-term effects of crop residue application on soil biota activities and functions in oil palm agroecosystems”

Announcements for conferences & future events:



GfP (Gesellschaft für Primatologie) Conference in Zürich 2017

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Zurich is pleased to invite you all to the 15th conference of the German Primate Society, which will be held from 15-17 February, 2017, in Zürich, Switzerland.
<http://www.aim.uzh.ch/de/gfp.html>



ATBC Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting 2017 in Xishuangbanna, China

Join the conference (25-28 March) to reflect on the complexities of Southeast Asian ecology and biogeography and discuss how to create a more sustainable future. Pre-registration and symposia submission is open now! <http://atbc-ap2017.weebly.com>



7th European Federation for Primatology Meeting and the 30^e French Society of Primatology Congress

will be held at University of Strasbourg, France from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 August 2017.

<http://www.alphavisa.com/efp/2017/index.php>

Treasurer's corner

The treasurer of the Society of Tropical Ecology, Holger Kurz, reminds that **2016 members' fees** will be collected mid December 2016.

Society for Tropical Ecology in the Web

The Society for Tropical Ecology #gtö now welcomes their members - belonging to 27 nationalities - in 13 languages on the webpage. If your language is still missing, we would be happy to receive a welcome also in your language (please contact our web-coordinator; Raffael.Ernst@senckenberg.de). Read at the webpage about the latest gtö activities, conference announcements, and board members or follow the Twitter news feed at <http://www.socstropecol.eu/>. Thanks to Raffael Ernst and to our Webmaster Sascha Rösner for keeping us posted!



You may also want to sign up for the societies' twitter account! @SocTropEcol
Or sign up for the “Society of Tropical Ecology gtö” groups on facebook or LinkedIn.



gtö welcomes its new members

We welcome all new members that joined the Society in the past year!

Claudia Hermes, Nico Koedam, Annemarie Wurz, Christine Wallis, Felicitas Gunter, Christopher Chandler, Friederike Gebert, Michael Staab, Sonia Barba-Herrera, Régine Vercauteren Drubbel, Elisa Diaz-García, Seraphine Ebenye Mokake, Lily Rodriguez, Andreas Willing, Fabian Brambach, Amelia Hood, Manuel J. Marcía, Jan Bechler, Gloria Gessinger, Romaike Middendorp, Dominic Martin, Adia bey, Athukorala Archchige Aumudu Darshana, Fleur Van Nederfelde, Sarah Luke, Christina Stinn, Bérengère Ferrier, Kristina Osen, Hannes De Deurwaerder, Lore Verryckt, Janina Schäfer, Holle Mukhlish Jamal, Fang Gu, Mona van Schingen, Christina Seyaningsih, Paula Andrea Rodriguez Zoro, Edwin Zárate Hugo, David Christopher Siddons, Claudia Armijos Ojeda, Francisco Maiato Pedro, Alizadeh Kamaleddin, Monica C. Moreno Brush.

Miscellaneous



Book raffle amongst new gtö members at the conference in Zürich

A book price was raffled amongst all new gtö members that have applied during, or for the conference in Göttingen. The winner of the book was Paula Rodríguez-Zorro from the University of Göttingen [next to Eckhard Heymann (left) and Manfred Niekisch (right)].

DAAD Alumni Meeting at the European Conference of Tropical Ecology 2016 in Göttingen

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) granted two DAAD Alumni Special Projects



for the European Conference of Tropical Ecology 2016 in Göttingen. 30 Alumni from developing countries that had formerly studied or worked in German research institutions were invited to the conference. Half of the group participated in a pre-seminar at the Centre for Rural Development (SLE), HU Berlin. They investigated links between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and

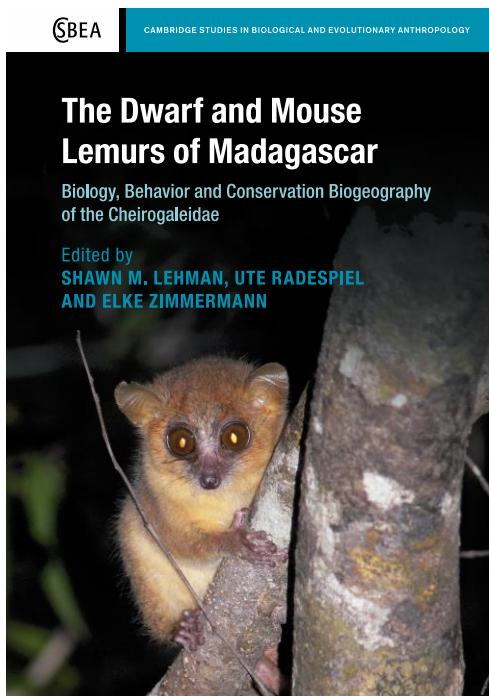
current scientific debates and research questions in tropical ecology, and examined critically various aspects of the 2030 agenda with a result of a new, practical solution that contributes to implementing the SDGs. The other half of the group was hosted by the Centre of Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Use (CBL) at the University of Göttingen. Researchers from the university presented socio-ecological outcomes of interdisciplinary research projects in Ecuador, Brazil and Indonesia and emphasized the importance of large-scale and long-term basic and applied biodiversity research. The alumni groups internationalized the conference and society by exchanging ideas with the gtö executive and scientific board members, presenting their research results and contributing to a refreshing meeting.

Suggested reading / Lesetipp



Amphibien und Reptilien der Neotropis von Axel Kwet und Manfred Niekisch, Rangsdorf, Basiliken-Presse, 2016, ISBN 978-3-941365-53-7

Aus dem Inhalt: Die Reptilien und Amphibien in den Werken des Alexander von Humboldt – und ein Brückenschlag zu Francisco Hernández. Die Entdeckung der Herpetofauna Brasiliens durch Hans Staden und Georg Marcgrav; der erste Naturaliensammler auf dem Amazonas - Eduard Friedrich Poeppig; die Forschungsreise des Prinzen Maximilian zu Wied-Neuwied durch Ost-Brasilien und viele weitere Entdeckungen deutschsprachiger Forscher in Mittel- und Südamerika zu den Amphibien und Reptilien der Neotropis.



The Dwarf and Mouse Lemurs of Madagascar – Biology, Behaviour and Conservation biogeography of the Cheirogaleidae by Shawn M. Lehmann, Ute Radespiel and Elke Zimmermann, Cambridge Studies in Biology and Evolutionary Anthropology, 2016, ISBN 9781107075597

The dwarf and mouse lemurs of Madagascar are two very species-rich lemur genera, yet there is a relative paucity of information on this primate family in published literature. In this first ever treatment of the Cheirogaleidae, international experts are brought together to review and integrate our current knowledge of the behaviour, physiology, ecology, genetics and biogeography of these species. A wide range of direct and indirect research methods that are currently used to study these cryptic nocturnal solitary foragers are

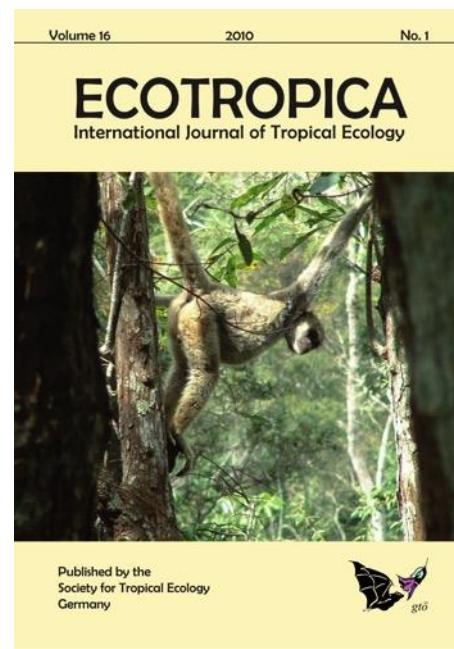
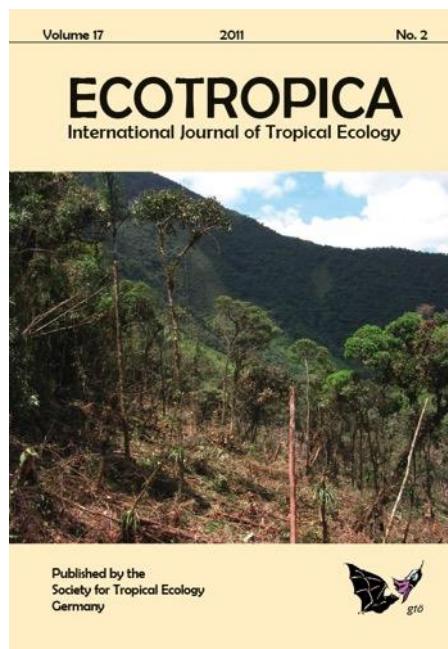
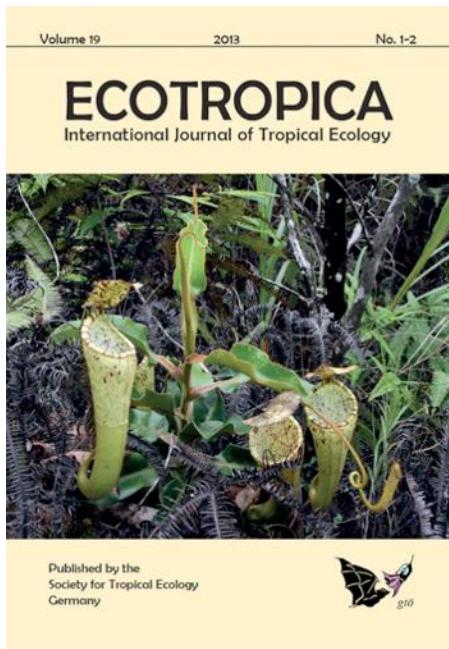
described. By uniting often disparate research on captive and free-ranging taxa and synthesising recent methodological advances, this book provides new insights that will encourage further studies of this fascinating primate family. This synthesis will provide an incentive for more integrative studies of the Cheirogaleidae in captivity and in the wild, enabling the impacts of deforestation and other factors to be identified and directions for future conservation efforts to be established.

The Society for Tropical Ecology (gtö)

The Society for Tropical Ecology (Gesellschaft für Tropenökologie, gtö), founded in 1987, is Europe's largest scientific association in the field of tropical ecology. It aims to enhance the understanding of the biodiversity and function of tropical ecosystems, and to drive decision-making and management at all levels, to safeguard as much as possible of what is left in its original state and to further the development of sustainable forms of use and effective means of rehabilitation through research and its application. The society also aims to promote the conservation and rehabilitation of tropical biodiversity and ecosystems through research and its application. <http://www.socstropecol.eu/>

New Editor for Ecotropica

Pierre-Michel Forget will become an editor for Ecotropica from 2017 onwards. Together with Marco Tschapka he is currently working on giving Ecotropica a new, attractive format. We thank Pierre-Michel and Marco for their great commitment to maintain a great opportunity for tropical ecologists to report on their research!



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Board members at the conference in Göttingen. / Präsidiumsmitglieder auf der Jahrestagung in Göttingen.



Board members advertising the gtö meeting in Brussels at the Annual Meeting of Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) in Montpellier, June 2016. / Beiratsmitglieder machen auf dem Treffen der “Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC)” in Montpellier für die Jahrestagung der gtö in Brüssel aufmerksam.

APPENDIX I: Protokoll der 29. Mitgliederversammlung / Minutes of the 29th annual general assembly

Göttingen, 25. Februar 2016, 17:30 bis 18:30 im Hörsaal MN08 der Universität Göttingen
(Göttingen, 25th February 2016 (17.30-18:30h in the lecture hall MN08, University of Göttingen))
Protokoll / Minutes: Prof. Dr. Nina Farwig
Anwesende Mitglieder / Number of members present: 43
Tagesordnung / Agenda:

1. Eröffnung der MV durch den Präsidenten und Annahme der Tagesordnung / Opening of the general assembly by the president and approval of the agenda
2. Wahl des Schriftführers / Election of the assembly's secretary
3. Genehmigung des Protokolls der 28. MV / Approval of the minutes of the 28th general assembly
4. Abstimmung über Änderung der Satzung / Vote on the revision of the statutes
5. Bericht des Präsidiums über das Geschäftsjahr 2015 / Report of the executive board on financial year 2015
6. Bericht des Sprechers des Wissenschaftlichen Beirats / Report of the advisory board
7. Bericht des Schatzmeisters / Report of the treasurer
8. Bericht der Kassenprüfer / Report of the cash accounter
9. Entlastung des Präsidiums / Discharge of the board
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11. Ecotropica / Ecotropica
12. Vorbereitung der Tagungen / MVs 2017 und 2018 / Preparation of annual meetings / general assemblies in 2017 and 2018
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1. Eröffnung der MV durch den Präsidenten und Annahme der Tagesordnung / Opening of the general assembly by the president and approval of the agenda

Der Präsident, Prof. Dr. Manfred Niekisch, begrüßt die Anwesenden und stellt die ordnungsgemäße Einladung zur Mitgliederversammlung 2016 fest. Die Tagesordnung wird ohne Ergänzungen angenommen.

The president, Prof. Dr. Manfred Niekisch, welcomes all attendees and asserts the correct invitation to the general assembly in 2016. The agenda is accepted without changes.

2. Wahl des Schriftführers / Election of the assembly's secretary

Als Schriftführerin wird die Generalsekretärin Prof. Dr. Nina Farwig vorgeschlagen. Dies wird angenommen.
The secretary general Prof. Dr. Nina Farwig is proposed as assembly's secretary. This suggestion is accepted.

3. Genehmigung des Protokolls der 29. MV / Approval of the minutes of the 29th general assembly

Das Protokoll wurde im Dezember zeitgerecht veröffentlicht und allen Mitgliedern zugestellt. Das Protokoll wird ohne Ergänzungen angenommen.

The protocol was timely published in December and delivered to all members. The protocol was accepted without changes.

4. Korrektur Satzung - Die Überarbeitung der Satzung wird vom Präsidenten erläutert.

Korrekturen der Satzungen sind einstimmig angenommen worden:

§6: Satzungsänderungen und die Auflösung des Vereins können nur mit einer Mehrheit von 2/3 der anwesenden Mitglieder beschlossen werden.

§9: Die Auflösung des Vereins erfolgt durch Beschluss der Mitgliederversammlung, wobei drei Viertel der abgegebenen Stimmen für die Auflösung stimmen muss.

Beschluss zu § 6: Bleibt so!

Beschluß zu § 9: Die Auflösung des Vereins erfolgt durch Beschluss der Mitgliederversammlung, wobei zwei Drittel der abgegebenen Stimmen für die Auflösung stimmen müssen.

Änderungen zu §8: bisher: Die Mitglieder erhalten in ihrer Eigenschaft als Mitglied keine Zuwendungen aus Mitteln des Vereins.

Angenommene Satzungsänderung / Korrektur §8: Die Mitglieder erhalten keine Zuwendungen aus Mitteln des Vereins.

Korrekturen der Satzungen sind einstimmig angenommen worden.

Amendment Statutes - The revision of the statutes are explained by the president.

§6: Changes of the statutes and the dissolution of the society can only be decided by the majority of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the attending members.

Adopted change: Voting for amendment of the statutes §9: The dissolution of the society results from the respective resolution of the general assembly, at which $\frac{3}{4}$ of the delivered votes need to be in favor of the dissolution.

§8: Members do not receive allowances in their function as members from the society. Voting for amendment of the statutes §8: Members do not receive allowances from the society.

All amendments were accepted without changes.

5. Bericht des Präsidiums über das Geschäftsjahr 2015 / Report of the executive board on financial year 2015
Vorgestellt vom Präsidenten der gtö Prof. Dr. Manfred Niekisch

Die Gesellschaft ist zu einer europäischen Gesellschaft geworden. Mit der ersten Europäischen Konferenz für Tropenökologie hat die Gesellschaft nun einen weiteren wichtigen Schritt zur Internationalisierung gemacht.

Die Konferenz in Zürich war für diesen Prozess bereits ein großer Erfolg und auch in diesem Jahr haben die lokalen Organisatoren bislang eine großartige Konferenz organisiert.

Es gab eine Klausurtagung in Frankfurt auf der insbesondere die Zukunft der Gesellschaft besprochen wurde. Darüber hinaus gab es verschiedene Treffen von Mitgliedern des Präsidiums zur Vorbereitung der Jahrestagung.

Der Newsletter ist am 21.12.2015 erschienen. Dank an Eike Lena Neuschulz für die Zusammenstellung des Newsletters.

Die Satzung wurde ins Englische übersetzt. Dank an Ute Radespiel für dieses Engagement.

Die Webseite wurde überarbeitet. Dank an Raffael Ernst für sein Engagement.

Presented by the president of gtö, Prof. Dr. Manfred Niekisch

The society has successfully become a truly European society. That is a real success and with this first European conference of Tropical Ecology we have made a great step forward in terms of internationalization.

The meeting in Zurich was already a great start toward this process and this conference is again a big success. Thanks to the local organizers for a wonderful meeting so far.

There was a retreat of the board in Frankfurt at which the future of society was discussed. Furthermore a few meetings with board members took place to prepare the annual conference.

The newsletter of gtö was published on 21st December 2015. Special thanks to Eike Lena Neuschulz.

Decision to the statutes should be in English. Thanks to Ute Radespiel who translated them.

The webpage was updated. Thanks to Raffael Ernst for his input here.

6. Bericht des Sprechers des Wissenschaftlichen Beirats / Report of the advisory board

Vorgestellt vom Sprecher des wiss. Beirats Prof. Dr. Eckhard W. Heymann

Besprechungen mit geschäftsführendem Präsidium wurden immer gemeinsam abgehalten.

Treffen in Frankfurt hat zu vielen Aktivitäten geführt: Webpage, Internationalisierung, Konferenz.

Dank an Eike Lena Neuschulz, die als Ko-Sprecherin des Beirats aktiv für die Gesellschaft wirkt.

Presented by the chair of the advisory board, Prof. Dr. Eckhard Heymann

Meetings were always together with the executive board.

Meeting in Frankfurt resulted in many activities: webpage, internationalization, conference.

Thanks to Eike Lena Neuschulz who as co speaker of the board is very active for the society.

7. Bericht des Schatzmeisters/Report of treasurer

Der Schatzmeister stellt die einzelnen Posten der Einnahmen und Ausgaben in 2015 vor und erläutert die Abweichungen zu den bisherigen Jahren. Darüber hinaus stellt der Schatzmeister die Pläne für ein neues CMS-System vor, dass in die Webpage integriert werden soll. In diesem Zusammenhang würde dann auch die Mitglieder und Jahresbeiträge wesentlich einfacher verwaltet werden können.

The treasurer presents all incomes and expenses for 2015 and explains the variation from previous years. In addition the treasurer explains the ideas of implementing a new CMS system within the webpage. This will allow to facilitate the management of members and

8. Bericht der Kassenprüfer/Report of cash auditors

Die Kassenprüfer Prof. Dr. S. Breckle and Prof. Dr. H. Behling hatten keine Einwände. Alle Belege haben vorgelegen und die Buchführung ist vorbildhaft.

The cash auditors Prof. Dr. S. Breckle and Prof. Dr. H. Behling have no complains. All receipts were present and the cash accounters verified the treasurer an excellent book keeping.

9. Entlastung des Präsidiums / Discharge of the board

Der Vorstand wird einstimmig entlastet. Sehr großer Dank an den Schatzmeister!

The Executive Board is discharged. Special acknowledgements to the treasurer.

10. Wahl der Kassenprüfer / Election of the cash auditors

Dr. Minnattallah Boutros und Dr. Erik Frank werden als Kassenprüfer vorgeschlagen. Dieser Vorschlag wird angenommen.

Dr. Minnattallah Boutrous and Dr. Erik Frank are proposed as cash auditors. This suggestion is accepted.

11. Ecotropica / Ecotropica

Vorgestellt vom Editor Dr. Marco Tschapka:

Versendung der Ecotropica noch nicht erfolgt. Pierre-Michel Forget hat sich bereit erklärt, als Editor für Ecotropica zu fungieren. Mit diesem Engagement und einem online-Format ist geplant, die Sichtbarkeit der Zeitschrift zu erhöhen. Zusätzlich wird von einigen Beiratsmitgliedern geklärt, ob die Option besteht, die Zeitschrift an einen Publisher zu hängen.

Presented by the editor Dr. Marco Tschapka:

Things delayed and the current issue of Ecotropica has not been distributed. Pierre-Michel Forget volunteered to step in as an Editor of Ecotropica. This engagement together with an entirely electronic journal and an online managing system will bring Ecotropica back on track and even increase the importance of the journal. In addition, several members will check whether there is a way to tie it to a publisher.

12. Vorbereitung der Tagungen / MVs 2017 und 2018 / Preparation of annual meetings / general assemblies in 2017 and 2018

Dr. Olivier Hardy and Dr. Jérémie Migliore richten die Tagung 2017 vom 6. bis 10. Februar 2017 an der Universität Brüssel aus. Weitere Informationen folgen in der Abschlussversammlung und auf der webpage www.gtoe-conference2017.de. Wir planen in diesem Rahmen auch eine Erklärung der Gesellschaft an die Politik zu lancieren.

Dr. Olivier Hardy und Dr. Jérémie Migliore will organize the next meeting in Brussels in 2017. The meeting will take place from 6th to 10th February 2017. More information will be given during the closing ceremony and is available in the web www.gtoe-conference2017.de. We also intend to launch a declaration to the politics within the framework of the Brussels conference.

13. Verschiedenes / Miscellaneous

Ein großer Dank an die lokalen Organisatoren Eckhard Heymann und sein Team. Wunderbare Initiative von Simone Pfeiffer ein DAAD Alumni Treffen im Rahmen der Tagung zu organisieren.

Der Präsident dankt allen Mitgliedern des Beirats für eine sehr aktive und produktive Zeit.

Alice Hughes dankt dem geschäftsführenden Präsidium für eine exzellente Führung.

Thanks to local organizers Eckhard Heymann and his team

Thanks to all members. Wonderful initiative of Simone Pfeiffer to integrate a DAAD alumni meeting within the meeting

The president thanks all member of the board for a very active and productive time.

Alice Hughes thanks the executive board for an excellent leadership.

Der Präsident, Prof. Dr. Niekisch dankt allen Mitgliedern der gtö und schließt die Sitzung um 18:30.

The president, Prof. Dr. Niekisch, thanks all members of gtö and officially closes the general assembly at 18:30.

APPENDIX II: Kassenbericht 2015 / Budgetary revenues and expenditures 2015

Einnahme-Überschuss-Rechnung 2015	2015	2015
	Kontensumme Einnahmen	Kontensumme Ausgaben
Einnahmen:	(Euro)	(Euro)
Mitgliedsbeiträge	15,840.00	
Spenden	10.00	
Buchhandlungen	0.00	
Tagegeld-Zinsen	8.29	
Summe:	15,858.29	
Ausgaben:		
Retouren Mitglieds-Beiträge		510.00
Erstattung von Reisekosten (Vorstand und Beirat)		2,605.12
Verpflegung für Keynote Redner, Vorstand und Beirat		39.00
Bürobedarf		0.00
Porto- und Versandkosten (außer Ecotropica)		0.00
Internetkosten (Pflege, Gebühren)		942.48
Merian-Preis		1,200.00
Ecotropica Druckkosten		4,406.62
Ecotropica Revision (Muttersprachler)		0.00
Ecotropica Werbungs- und Versandkosten		485.82
Rechtsanwaltskosten (Satzungsänderungen)		1,691.53
Beitrag für Tagung in Zürich		0.00
Tagungs-Nebenkosten (Tagungsband)		0.00
Rücklastschrift- und Kontogebühren		178.38
Spende für BioFrankfurt - Netzwerk Biodiversität	(erst 15.1.16 gezahlt)	
Summe:		12,058.95
Einnahme-Überschuss-Rechnung:		3,799.34

Kontostand Girokonto Jahresanfang	01.01.2015:	16,514.71
Kontostand Tagesgeld Jahresanfang	01.01.2015:	25,037.47
Gesamtkontostand Jahresanfang	01.01.2015:	41,552.18
Kontostand Girokonto Jahresende	31.12.2015:	20,305.76
Kontostand Tagesgeld Jahresende	31.12.2015:	25,045.76
Gesamtkontostand Jahresende	31.12.2015:	45,351.52

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures 2015		2015	2015
		Account balance	Account balance
		(Euro)	(Euro)
Revenues:			
Membership fees		15,840.00	
Donations		10.00	
Booksellers fees		0.00	
Annual interest		8.29	
Sum:		15,858.29	
Expenses:			
Writing back of membership fees			510.00
Reembursement of travelling costs (Executive Board)			2,605.12
Catering for Keynote speakers, Advisory Board			39.00
Office supplies			0.00
Postal charges (except Ecotropica)			0.00
Homepage costs			942.48
Merian Award			1,200.00
Ecotropica printing			4,406.62
Ecotropica revision (native speaker)			0.00
Ecotropica advertisement, shipping and handling			485.82
Legal advice for statutes (lawyer)			1,691.53
Conference grant (Freising)			0.00
Representation costs (Tagungsband)			0.00
Account maintenance charges			178.38
Donation for BioFrankfurt - Network Biodiversity		(only payed on 15.01.16)	
Sum:			12,058.95
Annual cash flow:			3,799.34
Account balance giro (beginning of the year)	01.01.2015:	16,514.71	
Account balance day-to-day money (beginning of the year)	01.01.2015:	25,037.47	
Overall account balance (beginning of the year)	01.01.2015:	41,552.18	
Account balance giro (end of year)	31.12.2015:	20,305.76	
Account balance day-to-day money (end of year)	31.12.2015:	25,045.76	
Overall account balance (end of year)	31.12.2015:	45,351.52	

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