

## MSc-thesis in insect community ecology



We are offering an MSc-thesis project studying insect communities in water-filled tree holes in German forests. Within the framework of the FunDiv Europe ([www.fundiveurope.eu](http://www.fundiveurope.eu)) and the Biotree experiment ([www.treedivnet.ugent.be/ExpBIOTREE.html](http://www.treedivnet.ugent.be/ExpBIOTREE.html)), the project will collect preliminary data on the determinants of insect community structure in natural tree holes as well as artificial tree-hole analogues.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, independent student. Lab and field work will be required and the individual will need to be hard-working, physically fit and outdoorsy. Furthermore, the candidate should have an interest and preferably experience in insect identification, biodiversity research, experimental design, statistics with R and tree climbing. Good knowledge of English is a requirement, German is optional.

Ideally, the project will begin in mid-May 2015. Later dates can be negotiated. For further information, see: <https://petermannlab.wordpress.com> or contact [jana.petermann@sbg.ac.at](mailto:jana.petermann@sbg.ac.at).