



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### "Biodiversity, Biogeography and Nature Conservation in Wallacea and New Guinea", Volume III

Dear Contributors, friends and colleagues,

six years ago I initiated a project to establish a ‘central hub’ of communication between the world’s leading experts across biological disciplines working on the Papuan biogeographical region. Although this region covers less than 1% of the world’s land area, it holds the highest biological diversity in both terrestrial and marine ecosystems, in addition to an amazing range of human cultures and languages.

The publication of the two volumes (2011 & 2014) with contributions from forty authors has enthused hundreds of readers across the world about this region. This series has clearly demonstrated its value with the data being used for nature conservation in the Papuan region. Further information on current project can be found at Mongabay.com: <http://news.mongabay.com/2012/01/new-book-series-hopes-to-inspire-research-in-worlds-hottest-biodiversity-hotspot/>

We are pleased to announce an open invitation to authors to submit original research papers for inclusion in the upcoming **3<sup>rd</sup> volume** of the “**Biodiversity, Biogeography and Nature Conservation in Wallacea and New Guinea**”, which is scheduled to be published in 2017!

The geographical focus of the series includes Sulawesi, Lesser Sunda Islands (also known as Nusa Tenggara), the Moluccas, New Guinea (including all surrounding islands and island groups), the Solomon Islands, and the Philippines. Biogeographically, this area is commonly known as Wallacea and the Papuan region. Research topics may include, but are not restricted to: taxonomy and systematics, faunistic, biogeography, ecology and evolution of the fauna and flora. We are particularly interested in papers on the conservation work within the Indo-Australian transition region. Taxonomic revisions may cover a wider geographical area, but their focus should on the region. Researchers from Indonesia, Philippines, Solomon Islands and East Timor are especially welcome to submit their work to highlight the contribution made by local researchers.

The Entomological Society of Latvia will publish the forthcoming volumes on a regular schedule and will maintain an *open access* policy. *Excellent organization, productive scientific collaboration and independent peer-review* are among the three values ensuring the success of this project. Since 2014, the series has been assigned ISSN [2255-9728] to fulfil general guidelines of scientific publication (unique ISBN will be continuously issued per volume). All manuscripts to be peer reviewed. We are looking for established researchers to serve as reviewers for this new volume. You are invited to express your interest to be included on our reviewer’s list.

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Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or have any comments or suggestions.

Cordially,  
Dmitry Telnov, Ph.D. (*Editor-in-chief, President of the Entomological Society of Latvia*)

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