Postdoc Position in

Theoretical Evolutionary Ecology

The Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Div. Behavioural Ecology, University of Berne (chair: Michael Taborsky) seeks for a theoretician with a strong commitment to evolutionary biology.

RESEARCH FOCUS: Evolutionary mechanisms of conflict and cooperation, with particular emphasis on reciprocity and the coexistence of alternative behavioural tactics. In our group we aim for an integration of theoretical and empirical studies of evolutionary mechanisms of behaviour. Other groups in the Institute of Ecology and Evolution focus on Aquatic Ecology (Ole Seehausen), Community Ecology (Wolfgang Nentwig), Conservation Biology (Raphael Arlettaz), Evolutionary Ecology (Heinz Richner), and Population Genetics (Laurent Excoffier).

Ideal candidates will have a PhD in theoretical biology (or mathematics/economy) and should be experienced in modelling (e.g. analytical approach, game theory, agent-based simulation models, dynamic programming), preferably with a sound background in theoretical issues in evolutionary biology. The position is initially for three years and can be prolonged. Candidates will be encouraged to apply for funding in order to establish their own junior research group.

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled, but all application materials, including CV, a summary of research experience, copies of relevant published or in-press papers, and two letters of recommendation should be received by 31 August 2008 to ensure full consideration. The position will start at the earliest possible date. Candidates should indicate in a cover letter when they could take up the position.

Please send all application material to the secretary’s office, c/o Marlis Gerteis, Dept. Behavioural Ecology, University of Bern, Wohlenstrasse 50A, CH-3032 Bern, Switzerland; or as e-mail attachments to marlis.gerteis@esh.unibe.ch. For inquiries please contact michael.taborsky@esh.unibe.ch. Please see also http://behav.zoology.unibe.ch/