

Project Update: July 2008

Diversity of Puffball fungi collected on all sampled plots was analyzed. 296 specimens collected were studied by the student Luciana Hernández. 32 species were identified, among them 4 new species are new to science. One of these will be named in honour of Rufford Foundation. A new experiment was started during the development of our project. Reforested/Restored Polylepis forests will be compared, in terms of macromycetes diversity, with mature forest and degraded forests (the initial situation of the reforested areas). During February 2008, Kenia Pinto (Bolivia) visited our Lab and took a training workshop, participating in field trips and laboratory work.

All preliminary results (4 works) will be presented in the VI Latin-American Mycology Congress (November, Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires). An informative/interactive CD is under development; it will be soon online for free downloading in a special website of our project.

