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2 May 2011

Press invitation to the Crafoord Days 9-11 May 2010: Meet the ecologist Ilkka Hanski - the first Nordic Crafoord Laureate ever since the prize was founded

Welcome to meet the butterfly-expert, Ilkka Hanski, who comes to Sweden to receive the Crafoord Prize in Biosciences 2011, "for his pioneering studies on how spatial variation affects the dynamics of animal and plant populations". He has studied exotic species from Greenland to the rain forests in Borneo, but it was in the Åland islands where his most important discoveries on so called metapopulations were made. The Crafoord Days 2011 begin traditionally in Stockholm and end in Lund.

The Crafoord Laureate 2011

Ilkka Hanski, Helsingfors University, Finland.

Prize amount: SEK 4 million.

Prize award ceremony: To be held at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (RSAS) on Tuesday 10 May 2011, in the presence of His Majesty the King of Sweden.

Crafoord Days 2011

STOCKHOLM (RSAS)

9 May: Prize symposium, with the title: *"Plant and animal populations in a changing landscape"*10 May: Prize award ceremony, with His Majesty the King of Sweden.

LUND (Ekologihuset, Lund University)

11 May: Prize lecture, with the title: *"The Glanville fritillary, extinction thresholds, and a perspective on conservation".*

Press events

STOCKHOLM Time: Tuesday 10 May, at 2:45–3:30 pm Venue: Klubbvillan, RSAS, Frescativägen 4A, Stockholm NB! Limited amount of places. Mandatory registration to the Press officer.

LUND

Time: Wednesday 11 May, at 2:15–3:00 pm Venue: Stora konferensrummet (see signs), Ecology building, Department of Biology, Lund University, Sölveg. 37, Lund NB! Limited amount of places. Mandatory registration to the Press officer.

Welcome!

More information about the Crafoord Prize: http://kva.se/crafoordprize Detailed programme for the Crafoord Days 2011: www.crafoordprize.se and http://kva.se

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Ilkka Hanski, the first Nordic Crafoord Laureate, during one of his numerous research expeditions over the world. Photo: Kris Norvig (2009)

