



## Invitation to the Alexander von Humboldt-Lecture

The Rectorate of Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the representative of Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Prof. Dr. Ulf Eysel, cordially invite you to a lecture given by **Dr. Marcelo Trovo Lopez Oliveira** on

**Beautiful Flowers: The beauty and relevance of *Eriocaulaceae***

**on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 05:00 p.m.  
in the International Lounge (Mensa building)**

**Afterwards you are invited to a “Tea Time”.**  
We are looking forward to welcoming you.

**On location:** Information desk of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation – EURAXESS National Coordination Point (for researchers in motion)!

## Abstract:

**30 years of German-Brazilian Research Cooperation:** More than 30 years ago, a Humboldt fellow from the Federal University of Porto Alegre first met a young student at the University of Ulm in Southern Germany and invited him to Brazil. This student is now the director of the RUB's botanic garden. He and most of the other students on the *Mestrado* course he took part in at that time in Southern Brazil are currently professors of botany. They have remained close friends since then and have stayed in scientific contact. The students involved in the exchange programmes today are the students of their students.

**The purpose of the presentation** is to convey the beauty and relevance of *Eriocaulaceae*, the plant group they are working on. Many of the species of *Eriocaulaceae* are confined to high mountains and they are perfect model organisms to understand the biodiversity of the region and develop conservation strategies to maintain it. There are many reasons why this kind of research can only be carried out in cooperation with scientists from different places in Brazil as well as in Europe.

**The speaker, Dr. Marcelo Trovo Lopez de Oliveira** from the University of Sao Paulo (USP), currently works as a postdoc funded by the Humboldt foundation within the Georg Forster Program in Prof. Stützel's laboratory in the Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology. He was appointed professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) during his postdoc stage in Bochum. He will continue his collaboration and the next generation of young Brazilian scientists will probably come to Bochum by means of the coming "Ciências sem Fronteiras" programme.

