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INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

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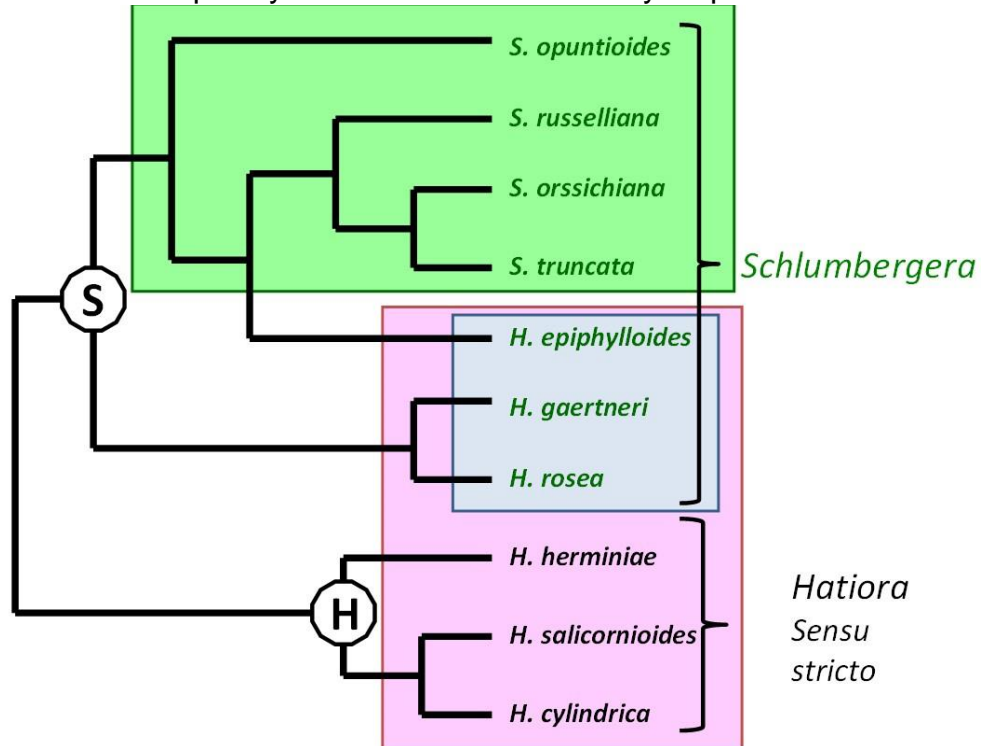


Author of "Taxonomy of the Cactaceae", +1400 pages, +9500 photos, a book in two volumes. Currently writing "Taxonomy of the Cactaceae", volumes 3 & 4.

Recognized as an international lecturer, platinum member of the Red Mundial de Conferencistas. Awarded a Fellow of the CSSA.

"The New Taxonomy of Cactaceae and its implications"

A definitely modern, pedagogical and, above all, very personal way of presenting the new taxonomy of the Cactaceae and its implications is what this very different lecture proposes in its concept and its presentation, unexpected even for a subject nevertheless serious: the classification of cacti, the new DNA data, but also the secrets of a prickly world that deserves many surprises. UPDATED.



"In Search of the Phoenix, Adventures in Yemen and Socotra".

The archipelago of Socotra is also named the "Galapagos of the Ocean Indian", with regard to the exceptional endemism of its fauna and its flora.

This lecture presents the synthesis of seven botanical missions led by the University of Murcia, Spain, and allows to discover, after a short stay in Yemen, almost all the succulent flora (and other plants), as well as part of the wildlife which populates the island of Socotra.

A visit to the most representative places in Socotra shows botanical treasures: Ras Hebak, Qalansyah, Mayha, Tahour, Dixam, Hamaderoh, Homhil, Wadi Ayhaft, Wadi Derhour, Jabal Buzairi, Jabal Mtoloh, Haggier Mts, etc. New discoveries are done.

Joël Lodé is also author of a book: Succulent Plants of Socotra, 2010.



"Succulent Plants of the Canary Islands"

Based on seven years of residence in the Canary Islands, the author introduces an exhaustive presentation of the succulent flora in the seven islands of the Canary archipelago: Tenerife, but also Gomera, Palma, El Hierro, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote and Fuerteventura. Extraordinary insular endemism, often with very contrasting landscapes, unique plant associations are also discovered. 13 working years, which led to this very complete lecture.



GUILLERMO RIVERA



Born in Argentina. Owner of PLANT EXPEDITIONS (former South America Nature Tours) a company dedicated to the organization of tours for the last 20 years, throughout South America (Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador), Mexico and South Africa, Madagascar, Namibia, and Socotra, with emphasis on plants: bromeliads, orchids, cacti, and other succulents. Former researcher at the University of Cordoba, Argentina. BS degree in Biology University of Cordoba. MS Marine Biology. Northeastern University. PhD in Botany University of Cordoba.

“An exploratory trip to Northwestern Argentina”

The presentation will cover the habitats of several provinces from central and Northwestern Argentina, from salt flats to high elevation Puna habitats.

Gymnocalycium, Echinopsis, Parodia among many others will be well represented, as well as some bromeliads and some wildlife.

This presentation is more than a simply travel log as it addresses the importance of habitat knowledge in order to determine the validity of plant names and the issue “too many names for the same plant”. Diversity and variability of plants in habitat within populations and between populations will be addressed.

Importance of habitat knowledge will be discussed and its significance in plant taxonomy.



“Diversity of cactus in Central Brazil”

The presentation will focus on the variety of cacti from Central Brazil, particularly the states of Minas Gerais and Bahia. The habitats of Cerrado, Caatinga, and Atlantic Forest are well represented in these states allowing for a great diversity of many Brazilian genera of cacti: *Uebelmannia*, *Micranthocereus*, *Melocactus*, *Pilosocereus*, among others. A journey of over 4000 km worth the drive!



“Nature and Cacti from Patagonia”

The program will take us to a part of South America where people seldom travel in search of cacti. This is probably the reason why so many collectors and hobbyist alike are not very familiar with some genera such as *Pterocactus*, *Austrocactus*, *Mahiuenia* etc.

Most people visit Patagonia in search for beautiful landscapes, snow-capped mountains, glacier lakes surrounded of pristine forests, incredible wildlife on the coast, among many other attractions.

The truth is that, even though we can find all those things, there are over 40 species of cacti that grow at these latitudes. Because of their isolation, these plants are seldom known to most collector or cacti enthusiasts. Also, because of their habitat, these cacti would tolerate colder weather, and some of them even more humid conditions in the winter than plants from North-western Argentina. This talk will attempt to show you the diversity of these poorly known plants as well some beautiful scenery from Northern Patagonia.

