

Peruvian Orchid expedition. Oxford University. 2008 Report Advance

After a wonderful expedition along the InterOceanic Highway (IOH) in Peru we are getting back with several good news. First refers to our successful trip with more than 100 different orchid species in flower, in winter!. We have identified 3 potentially new species. One of them, *Telipogon manucensis* has been submitted for publication and is under review at the Kew Bulletin. The other two are still under the specialists' review. Some informal pictures of our expedition can be seen at:

<http://pa.photoshelter.com/c/quintinlake/gallery-show/G0000969YXyt8Fhw>



Telipogon manucensis (formally a *Stellilabium* sp)

The second good news refers to an exhibition at the Canning House, London, with a Private View on the 12th of November 2008. The Peruvian Embassy has confirmed their presence and they will kindly support our catering during the exhibition. We would be extremely pleased if you could join us to this event.

<http://www.canninghouse.com/content/culture/event/96/>

The third good news refers to our connection with personnel from Duke University who are working on an ecotourism plan in the InterOceanic, and their connection with a team of the National Geographic who were shooting a documentary of the IOH while we were there. Watch some of it on-line at:

<http://www.acrosstheamazon.com.br/site/>

<http://br.youtube.com/mariaemiliacoelho> (brazilian reporter working on the Inter-Oceanic Highway)

We have just contacted them and are looking for the best way to share some of our orchid data with them. This Duke University team are pushing forward a proposal with PromPeru (Peruvian Tourism Administration) to promote the IOH as an ecotouristic destination. Our orchid data will also be included.

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With our best wishes

The Peruvian Orchid Expedition Team