



Camille S. Delavaux

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Candidate statement

Camille Delavaux is a Senior Researcher at the Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW), where she focuses on mutualism ecology and biogeography. She is also an Adjunct Researcher at the University of Kansas, USA. Her work combines molecular biology, controlled experiments, field ecology, big data analysis and modelling. Camille completed her Master's at the Yale School of the Environment, studying nutrient enrichment impacts on mycorrhizal fungi in the Ecuadorian Andes. She then received a PhD from the University of Kansas, where she studied plant-mycorrhizal biogeography, human land use impacts on mycorrhizal and pathogen communities, and impacts of invasion on plant-mycorrhizal benefits. After her PhD, she was a postdoctoral researcher and then lead scientist at ETH Zürich, leading a group focused on mycorrhizal ecology and biogeography. In recognition of her work on the role of mycorrhizal fungi in plant biogeography, Camille received the Tansley Medal in 2025. At the Netherlands Institute of Ecology, work in her group is primarily focused on how mutualisms, including those with mycorrhizal fungi, influence plant distributions, how anthropogenic drivers alter plant-mycorrhizal associations, and the role of mycorrhizal fungi in plant invasions.

Camille is motivated to continue engaging with and contributing to the international mycorrhizal community by serving as Vice President of the IMS. Throughout her career, Camille has worked internationally, leading and collaborating in large teams. She has also continuously supported students and post-doctoral researchers, advising nearly 30 to date. She has contributed to the IMS over the past ten years by presenting and leading symposia at ICOM, contributing to the newsletter, and reviewing applications for the New Phytologist Early Career Researcher Travel Awards. Camille is excited about the changes and increased activity of the IMS in the past few years - including more frequent meetings, efforts to support early career researchers, and investments in communication. She hopes to take an active role in continuing this progress toward an active and supportive mycorrhizal community by serving as Vice President.