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Juan David González-Trujillo is a postdoc at the Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales in Spain. He is a Colombian ecologist interested in explaining how historical events shape current biodiversity patterns. However, his interests go beyond the academy. He is actively working towards linking networks of scientists and non-scientists. Before the COVID emergency, for instance, Juan David was leading the organization of the 7th Fresh Blood for Freshwater (FBFW7, https://fbfw2020.weebly.com): a conference organized by early-career aquatic scientists (ECRs) aiming to provide a friendly atmosphere to present research work and to break boundaries exchanging ideas with other young researchers. A conference that, sadly, should be postponed due to the COVID pandemic. Juan David has also been volunteering with the Macrolatin@s group, a group of Latin-American researchers interested in aquatic invertebrates (http://www.macrolatinos.net/p/sobre-la-red.html). As a part of the communications team, he helps disseminate scientific results from colleagues, spread calls for MSc or PhD studies, and opportunities for collaboration across regional networks. Moreover, he actively contributes to the organization of webinars and virtual workshops, which aims at connecting researchers among different Spanish-speaking countries. Finally, Juan David works with a small group of non-native English speakers for creating awareness on the importance of scientific results in different languages. The work of his group will be of great importance to reach a broader audience by SIL; an initiative to implement to help secure SIL’s international leadership on freshwater topics. Juan David is a perfect candidate for filling the position of Early Career Representative – Communications in the SIL. If elected, I strongly believe that he will help communicate SIL initiatives as a leading international society in freshwater sciences.

Some short communications of his work:
https://journalofbiogeographynews.org/2021/02/14/ecr-feature-juan-david-gonzalez-trujillo-on-processes-shaping-beta-diversity/