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Get creative, and get involved to help with IBS goals by contributing to the *Second IBS Conference Auction*. And make certain that you bring your wallet, and a willingness to help the IBS by bidding up the price on useful and useless objects. Every purchase you make will go straight to the IBS, and help us to help the membership.

Mail in address: Prof. Carl Beierkuhnlein, Department of Biogeography, Universitaetsstr. 30, 95440 Bayreuth, Germany

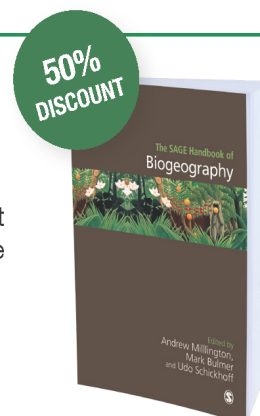
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