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## **Biodiversity informatics: sharing knowledge**

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ETI, the Expert Center for Taxonomic Identification, is a Non-Governmental Organisation in operational relation with UNESCO, dedicated to improve on a global scale the quantity, quality and accessibility of taxonomic information. Its focus is on developing software tools to support data management and information exchange, to promote taxonomic human resource networks, on disseminating taxonomic and biodiversity information, and increase capacity building. ETI is hosted at the University of Amsterdam and has self-sustaining branch organisations at universities and research institutions in Brazil, Chile, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and Uruguay. An ETI branch in India is currently being set up. Branches in Germany, Indonesia and Cuba are under consideration.

This short presentation will focus on ICT tools that were developed and mechanisms on compiling and sharing taxonomic and biodiversity knowledge.

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