

Desert Ecology

**Co-conveners Dr. Elli Groner, Dead Sea and Arava Science Center, Israel
and Dr. Shirli Bar-David, Ben-Gurion University, Israel**

Thursday, November 20, 10:00-11:30

Classroom 1

Prof. Bertrand Boeken, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, *“Resilience and recovery of semi-arid annual plant communities to drought.”*

Dr. Ariella Gotlieb, Dead Sea and Arava Center, Israel, *“Bee and plant species diversity and interactions along climatic and land use gradients: the case of Wadi Nar and Wadi Daraje.”*

Dr. Amjad Hijazen, Dead Sea and Arava Center, Israel, *“Monitoring acacia trees in Wadi Araba in Jordan and Israel.”*

Mr. Titus Shuuya, Gobabeb Research and Training Centre, Namibia, *“Investigating spatial and temporal patterns of plant health of Welwitschia mirabilis in the central Namib Desert.”*