

## **Renato De Giovanni**

Renato De Giovanni has a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the Aeronautics Institute of Technology (ITA, Brazil) and 16 years of professional experience with information technology. In 2002 he started to work at the Reference Center on Environmental Information (CRIA) where he became involved with various projects in the area of biodiversity informatics, helping to establish networks for biological collections and develop niche modeling tools. During this period he became a member of the Subcommittee for Data Access and Data Interoperability (2004-2007) at the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) and he also became the Latin America representative of the Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG) organization (2007-2009). Last year he was contracted by the Brazilian Government to specify an architecture for the future Brazilian National System for Biodiversity - project recently approved by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). He is currently completing Masters in Conservation and Sustainability at the Institute for Ecological Research, Brazil.