Fourth Meeting of the Network for Neotropical Biogeography (NNB)
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Panama City, Panamá, January 14-17, 2015.

Organized by STRI with the collaboration of PIRE-FLMNH and INDICASAT.

Tropical America – the Neotropics – is the most species-rich region on Earth. Understanding the mechanisms underlying the historical assembly and evolution of this extreme biodiversity constitutes a major challenge in biology, and will require hitherto unrealized inter-disciplinary scientific collaboration. The primary goals of the NNB network are to: 1) Promote scientific interaction; 2) Stimulate the exchange of material, students and researchers; 3) Increase inter-disciplinarity between different fields; 4) Discuss and plan joint projects and grant applications; 5) Stimulate collaborative field work and reciprocal help with field collection of research material; 6) Inform on upcoming events, recent papers and other relevant material.

We will have two days of 15 min talks (Jan 15 and 16), arranged in a single session at the Tupper auditorium. There also will be time for a poster session, multiple coffee breaks and plenty of opportunities for interaction. On Jan 14 and 17, we will have four field trips (Barro Colorado Island, Canopy Crane, Gamboa and the Panama Canal). The fieldtrip to the Panama Canal will be conducted by Aaron Wood and the PIRE team. There will be a workshop on Jan 14 on analytical techniques for biogeographic analysis.

In the past, this encounter has been attended by ~100 people, many of them students. You will meet many scientists working on biogeographic questions related to the Neotropics on a variety of clades, from marine to terrestrial, plants and animals. A recurrent theme would be interpretations of dispersals and vicariance across the isthmus and how it has shaped the modern diversity we see in the Neotropics. I think it is a tremendous opportunity to place on a larger context all the paleontological and geological work that has been produced over the past few years.

You are more than welcome to attend. The meeting has a very relaxing atmosphere, with many venues for social interaction and exchange of ideas. I assure you will have a good time and learn a lot.

Fees before November 15, 2014
Professional USD $150, Post Doc USD $100, Student USD $50

Fieldtrips
BCI $99
Canopy Crane $77
Panama Canal Geology $20
Gamboa $55

Workshops
Free

Hope to see you in Panama

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