First announcement for the 6th Biennial Conference of the International Biogeography Society — Kovens Convention Center, Miami, Florida, USA, January 9th-13th, 2013

Registration, abstract submission for symposia and contributed papers will open in July 2012.

The core of the meeting will be four successive symposia on broad foundational and cutting-edge topics and approaches in biogeography and macroecology, each with a suite of leading international scientists as well as openings for contributed papers:

- Beyond Bergmann: New perspectives on the biogeography of traits
- Island Biogeography: new syntheses
- Predicting species and biodiversity in a warmer world: are we doing a good job?
- Conservation paleobiology: using knowledge of past ecosystems to inform conservation priorities

The meeting will also have 12 sessions of contributed papers on key topics including and not limited to:

(i) Neotropical biogeography,
(ii) Climate change biogeography,
(iii) Paleo-biogeography,
(iv) Phylogeography,
(v) Marine biogeography,
(vi) Disturbance regimes and biogeography, and
(vii) Global biogeography.

A keynote lecture will be given by the Alfred Russel Wallace Award winner, recognizing a lifetime of outstanding contributions to biogeography.

On the day just before and after the conference (9th and 13th January), there will be arranged field excursions to a number of protected natural areas including Everglades National Park. In addition, on 9th January, several workshops will be held (topics currently in development).


The International Biogeography Society (IBS; http://www.biogeography.org/) is a non-profit organization, founded in 2000, with the mission to:

- Foster communication and collaboration between biogeographers in disparate academic fields.
- Increase both the awareness and interests of the scientific community and the lay public in the contributions of biogeographers.
- Promote the training and education of biogeographers so that they may develop sound strategies for studying and conserving the world’s biota.

Schedule:
9th January: Workshops and fieldtrips
10th – 11th January: Symposia and poster sessions
12th January: Contributed papers
13th January: Post-conference field trips

One of the benefits open to IBS members is the opportunity to have job openings posted on the IBS blog (http://biogeography.blogspot.com/). If you have a position you would like to have advertised, please contact Karen Faller (faller@wisc.edu) or Michael Dawson (mdawson@ucmerced.edu) with details.