

The organizing committee encourages members of ATBC to organize symposia for presentation, and welcomes tropical biologists in general to this important and friendly meeting.

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PARTICIPANTS	EARLY BIRD	LATE
	REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE APRIL 15	REGISTRATION FEE AFTER APRIL 15
ATBC members	USD 180	USD 220
Non-ATBC members	USD 200	USD 240
Students	USD 90	USD 110
Accompanying persons	USD 150	USD 180

Accommodation

Rooms have to be pre-booked at the hotels listed. Fiesta Inn is the conference venue. Villa Montaña and Vista Bella hotels are only 10-15 minutes' walking distance from the conference venue. Please indicate your choice on the registration form.

HOTEL	SENCILLA	DOBLE	TRIPLE
FIESTA INN ★★★★★	MEX \$ 1,078.00 US \$ 95.00	\$ 1,093.00 \$ 95.00	
QUALITY INN ★★★★★	MEX \$ 973.00 US \$ 85.00	\$ 973.00 \$ 85.00	\$ 1057.00 \$ 92.00
VISTA BELLA ★★★★★	MEX \$ 850.00 US \$ 74.00	\$ 850.00 \$ 74.00	\$ 970.00 \$ 84.00
VIRREY DE MENDOZA ★★★★★	MEX \$ 1,900.00 US \$ 165.00	\$ 1,900.00 \$ 106.00	
VILLA MONTAÑA ★★★★★	MEX \$ 1,992.00 US \$ 173.00	\$ 1,992.00 \$ 173.00	
VILLA SAN JOSE ★★★★★	MEX \$ 1,222.00 US \$ 106.00	\$ 1,222.00 \$ 106.00	

We have obtained a special price for the meeting from these recommended hotels.

For other hotel options consult:
www.oikos.unam.mx/atbc2007

Deposits and Payments:

A non-refundable one-night deposit is required by April 15, 2007 in order to guarantee your room. Instructions for these payments will be provided in the next announcement.

Your payment for registration, hotel room(s) in Morelia, Mexico, and pre- or post-conference trips may be made by the ways of cash (in US dollars or Mexican pesos), traveler checks, or credit card (we accept major credit cards of MasterCard, VISA, American Express, JCB and Diners Club but a banking formality of 4% over our invoice is applicable). Further instructions will be provided in the next announcement.



Personal Invitation:

If you require an Official Letter of Invitation, please contact the Secretariat of the meeting. This letter does not represent a commitment of the organizers to provide financial support.

Registration

The registration fee covers conference materials, reception, banquet, lunches, and coffee breaks etc. Students have the privilege to pay a reduced registration fee of 50%.

Deadlines

Symposia Proposals
January 15, 2007

Registration
April 15, 2007

Abstract Submission
April 15, 2007

Hotel Booking
April 15, 2007

Tour Reservation
April 15, 2007



For these discounted prices and hotel reservation, please contact:

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The Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation

ATBC

Linking tropical biology with human dimensions

July 15-19 2007
Morelia, Mexico

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The Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation



The Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) was founded in 1963. It is international in scope, membership, and objectives, functioning as a global multi facet body to promote research, education, conservation, and communication for tropical biology and also to foster the exchange of ideas among biologists working in tropical environments. ATBC will conduct their annual meeting 2007 in Morelia, Mexico, hosted by the Centro de Investigaciones en Ecosistemas (CIECO, Center for Research in Ecosystems) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). The venue will be the Convention Center in the city of Morelia.

Understanding the origin, evolution, and maintenance of tropical biodiversity, and the ecosystems they constitute, continue to be a big challenge for tropical biology. Furthermore, anthropogenic effects on tropical ecosystems, and the human dimensions (social, cultural, and economical) that act as drivers of such effects, add an enormous complexity to the urgent task of conserving, restoring, and coexisting with tropical ecosystems, their services and resources. Based on the mission, objectives and principles of ATBC, the meeting in Morelia will pursue key research topics previously recognized by Bawa et al (2004, Biotropica 36: 437-446) in "Beyond Paradise" and will attempt to help link tropical biology with human dimensions. The meeting will cover a wide array of basic and applied research topics on tropical biology and conservation, including: structure, dynamics and functioning of tropical ecosystems (TEs), anthropogenic effects on TEs, and socio-cultural-economical drivers of such effects. The meeting will review and promote the current vision of ATBC.

Morelia, a city recognized as Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO, is one of the most beautiful colonial Spanish historical cities (465 years since foundation) in America (www.visitmorelia.com). The city is settled on the valley of Guayangare (1,950 m.a.s.l.), where in the sixteenth century Purepecha people established the oldest Guayangareo town. After the Spanish colonization, in 1535, Guayangareo transformed into the Valladolid city, honoring the same name of the city in Spain. After Mexico became an independent nation, the name of the city changed to Morelia as a tribute to José María Morelos, one of the major leaders of the independence war of Mexico. At present, Morelia is a vibrant city, full of cultural and educational activities. It is the center of the Purepecha culture which is displayed in a enormous diversity of art crafts made by people living in several beautiful villages surrounding Morelia and the lakes of Cuitzeo, Pátzcuaro, and Zirahuén. Several vegetation types are found around Morelia including fir, pine, oak, and tropical dry forests. Toward the Pacific coast, and just three hours from Morelia by car, one of the most diverse, tropical semideciduous and dry forest formations can be found.

CIECO is a recently established (May 2003) research center of UNAM (www.oikos.unam.mx) whose mission is to conduct research and education on ecosystem management with the perspective of providing scientific bases for the sustainable development of societies. CIECO has adopted an interdisciplinary approach, using ecological, social, and economic perspectives to train both undergraduate and graduate students. CIECO has a special undergraduate program in Environmental Sciences (www.oikos.unam.mx) which is directed to train students for interdisciplinary work in ecosystem management. At this center, a wide range of research lines exist including population genetics, evolutionary ecology, conservation biology, population, community and ecosystem ecology, global ecology, geoecology, ethnoecology, science communication and environmental education research. Researchers and students carry out group projects conducted in several of the major terrestrial ecosystems in Mexico including: tropical dry forest (Chamela, Jalisco), tropical rain forest (Chajul, Chiapas), temperate forest (Tancitaro, Michoacán), arid shrub and cacti forest (Tehuacán, Puebla), and an urban ecosystem (Morelia, Cuitzeo basin). Researchers at CIECO are also involved in several projects in other countries including Costa Rica, Cuba, Brazil, Peru, and Venezuela.



Program

- 15 JULY - SUNDAY**
Arrival of participants and registration
Opening ceremony (evening)
- 16 JULY - MONDAY**
Plenary session and group sessions
- 17 JULY - TUESDAY**
Plenary session and group sessions
- 18 JULY - WEDNESDAY**
Plenary session and group sessions
- 19 JULY - THURSDAY**
Plenary session, discussions, closing ceremony and banquet
- 20 - 24 JULY - FRIDAY - MONDAY**
Post-conference excursions



Language:

The official language for the meeting is ENGLISH.

Call for Symposia Proposals and Abstracts

Linking tropical biology with human dimensions

General Topics:

1. Structure, function, and dynamics of tropical ecosystems
2. Biodiversity inventories in tropical ecosystems
3. Ecology, genetics, and evolution of tropical systems
4. Biotic interactions in tropical ecosystems
5. Long-term ecological research
6. Human development and tropical ecosystems
7. Tropical biodiversity and ecosystem conservation
8. Restoration of degraded tropical ecosystems
9. Biological and social bases for sustainable use of non timber forest products
10. Invasive species
11. Tropical forests and global change
12. Ethnobiology: application in biodiversity conservation
13. Tropical ecosystem services
14. Social and economical drivers of tropical ecosystem change

Support for delegates from Developing Countries:

We have some funds to support a limited number of participants from developing countries. Please contact the Secretariat for further information.

Abstracts:

We welcome tropical biologists for online abstract submission. Guidelines for Oral & Poster Presentation

Facility: multimedia projectors. Poster board: 120 x 80 cm in size

Participants are advised to prepare Power Point presentation with a time slot of 20 minutes, which includes approximately 5 minutes for question and discussions.

Symposium Proposal:

The organizing committee encourages members of ATBC to organize symposia.

Proposal outline:

1. A tentative symposium title;
2. the goal of the symposium;
3. names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of organizers; and
4. a list of potential speakers and topics.

Passport & Visas:

A valid passport is required for all travellers. The visa entry requirements for Mexico vary according to your country of origin. Please contact the Embassy or consulate of Mexico in your respective country for further details.

