

AGENDA



**BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM
INFORMATICS WORKING GROUP**
February 4, 2004
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
*National Museum of Natural History
Executive Conference, 2nd Floor
(Please use Constitution Avenue Entrance)*
10 Constitution Avenue, NW ♥ Washington DC 20560

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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REVIEW AGENDA

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BRIEFINGS

- International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups (ICBG)¹
Dr. Joshua Rosenthal and Dr. Flora Katz
ICBG Program
Fogarty International Center
National Institutes of Health

- NASA/USGS Invasive Species Forecasting System
John Schnase, Earth and Space Data
Computing Division, NASA
Ed Sheffner, Earth Science Applications
Division, NASA

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- COP Convention on Biodiversity 7: Areas of Interest
(Malaysia, February 2004) State Dept and/or other Delegates ~ TBD
- GBIF Status Report
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 ◆ Nominations for S&T Positions: Results Murdy/Cotter/Carroll
 ◆ US GBIF Node Status Carroll
- IABIN Update Cotter
- Strategic Plan for BioEco for FY04
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 ◆ Inventory of Federal Biological and Ecosystems Programs Carroll

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Agency Update Roundtable All

MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS REVIEW

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OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

All

NEXT MEETING

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¹ The International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups (ICBG) Program is a unique effort that addresses the interdependent issues of drug discovery, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable economic growth. Efforts to examine the medicinal potential of the earth's plants, animals, and microorganisms are urgently needed, since enduring habitat destruction and the resulting diminishment of biodiversity will make it increasingly difficult to do so in the future. Forty to fifty percent of currently used drugs have an origin in natural products.