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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.*

Schedule:

9th January: Workshops and fieldtrips

10th – 11th January: Symposia and poster sessions

12th January: Contributed papers

13th January: Post-conference field trips

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).

Preliminary information on the venue and lodging is available on the International Biogeography website: <http://www.biogeography.org/html/Meetings/2013/index.html>.

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.

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.