**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH POSTER AND PAPER SYMPOSIUM**

**Date:** 25th November, 2010

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain, Trinidad

**Conference Programme**

**8.00 am Registration (free)**

**8.30 Morning Coffee**

**9.00 Formal Opening**

**9.00** Dr Marissa Gowrie, Ministry of Housing & the Environment

**9.05** Professor Andrew Lawrence, on behalf of the Principal, University of the West Indies St Augustine

**9.10**  Minister of Housing & the Environment

**Session I**

**9.30** Mrs. Yasmin Comeau, National Herbarium of Trinidad & Tobago: Developing a biodiversity monitoring system for Trinidad and Tobago

**9.50** Dr. Christopher K. Starr, UWI Department of Life Sciences: How many species are in Trinidad and Tobago?

**10.10** Miss Kele Taylor, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Population Density of the Cook's tree Boa (*Corallus*

 *ruschenbergerii*) in the Caroni Swamp, Trinidad

**10.30** Mr. Darshan Narang, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Population Density of an Introduced primate – The Tufted Capuchin in Chaguaramas Trinidad

**10.30 Mid-Morning Coffee**

**Session II**

**11.00** Mr. Imran Khan, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Spatial and Temporal Diversity Variations in Ground

 Level Fruit Feeding Butterflies

**11.20** Ms. Kerrie Naranjit, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Natural History and Conservation of the Trinidad Piping Guan

**11.40** Mrs. Michelle Cazabon-Mannette, UWI Department of Life Sciences: The extent of the sea turtle fishery in Tobago, West Indies

**12.00 pm** Miss Sheetal Jankie, UWI Department of Life Sciences: A comparison of the beach morphology and

 physical characteristics of Turtle beach, Tobago and Grande Riviere, Trinidad with implications for turtle

 nesting

**12.20** Miss Lanya Fanovich, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Spatial Distribution of intertidal benthic

 macrofauna in three sandy beaches in Trinidad

**12.40** Miss Gayatrilakshmi Raghava-Singh, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Determining the Conservation

 Status of *Metastelma freemanii*

**1.00 Lunch**

**2.00 Poster Session**

**Session III**

**2.30** Dr.Yuri Clement/ Dr. Compton Seaforth: UWI/ Faculty of Medical Sciences/ UTT: Cooling it with herbs- remnants of humoral medicine in Trinidad West Indies

**2.50** Mr. Nigel Austin, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Genetic Diversity and Structure of *Mora excels*

**3.10 Afternoon Coffee**

**3.10** Miss Aditi Bisramsingh, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Fire in the Aripo Savannas Environmentally

 Sensitive Area. Causes and Consequences

**3.30 End of Symposium**