



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH POSTER AND PAPER SYMPOSIUM

Date: 8th and 9th February, 2012

Venue: Ambassador Hotel

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 Miss Kele Taylor, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Population Density of the Cook's tree Boa (*Corallus ruschenbergerii*) in the Caroni Swamp, Trinidad
10.10 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 Bisram Singh, UWI Department of Life Sciences: Fire in the Aripo Savannas Environmentally Sensitive Area. Causes and Consequences

3.30 End of Symposium