

## **LATIN-AMERICAN WORKSHOP ON PHYLOGENETICS AND MOLECULAR EVOLUTION**

The Center for Genomic Science of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) is offering the first Latin-American Workshop on Phylogenetics and Molecular Evolution. This is an intensive workshop on the theory and practice of phylogenetics, molecular evolution and population genetics. The workshop will take place at UNAM's Cuernavaca campus (Cuernavaca, Morelos, México), from June 22 to July 3, 2009. It will consist of ten days of intensive lectures and computer practice ranging from basic computer commands, to specialized topics in molecular evolution, phylogenetics and population genetics. The instructors are professors and researchers from UNAM. The workshop will include plenary lectures by Scott Edwards (Harvard University) and Catherine Lozupone (University of Colorado, Boulder).

The workshop is aimed at students and professors from Latin-America. It will be delivered in Spanish, and is limited to 40 participants. It has been validated by UNAM's Graduate Programme in Biological Sciences and Graduate Programme in Biomedical Sciences. It is offered at no cost, however, participants will be responsible for their travel and lodging expenses. Thanks to support provided by the bioGENESIS core project of DIVERSITAS, funding for travel expenses will be offered to five participants.

This workshop is an important effort towards capacity building in ecology and phylogenetics in countries that host substantial amounts of biological diversity. It represents an explicit initiative towards the development of fundamental expertise in research initiatives for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

For additional information and registration, please access the following link:  
<http://www.ccq.unam.mx/~vinuesa/tlem09/>.

Organizing institutions: Center for Genomic Sciences, Institute of Biology, Institute of Ecology and School of Science, of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.