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## ANNOUNCE

# Evolution of Pacific Island Biota

*Evolution of Pacific Island Biota* is a three-day, stand-alone meeting to be held on Kauai, Hawaii in January or May 2010. It is designed to bring together a diverse international group of experts and students to examine the biogeography and evolution of terrestrial, near-shore, and freshwater biota from across the tree-of-life, including humans, which are distributed across the Pacific Islands.

There will be a variety of ways to participate in the meeting, including field trips, public lectures, invited presentations, poster and discussion sessions. The meeting will be organized around several theme questions, and will focus on both empirical studies and methods for analyzing biogeographical data.

### THEME QUESTION EXAMPLES

- *What phylogeographic patterns are found in the Pacific Islands?*
- *Do Pacific Islands act as sources for dispersal to other areas?*
- *Do fossil data change our interpretation of evolution and biogeography of the Pacific Islands?*
- *What are the evolutionary patterns of community assembly?*
- *Do Pacific biogeographic patterns track the geologic or human history of the area?*
- *How do data from biogeography and evolution inform conservation efforts?*

### STEERING COMMITTEE

Robert C. Fleischer, *Center for Conservation & Evolutionary Genetics, National Zoological Park*  
Vicki Funk, *Department of Botany, National Museum of Natural History*  
Helen F. James, *Department of Vertebrate Zoology, National Museum of Natural History*  
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### TO PARTICIPATE

To be added to the participant list and receive more information please send an email to the Scientific Program Coordinator, Danica Harbaugh at harbaughd@si.edu by **January 9, 2009** with the following information:

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Institution: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) I am interested in attending the meeting:  yes  no
- 5) I am interested in giving a:  poster  oral presentation  public lecture
- 6) A brief description of my research/area of interest is: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 7) An idea for a symposium theme question is: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 8) I prefer to attend the meeting in  Jan 2010  May 2010
- 9) I will be a student in Spring 2010:  yes  no

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