

2012 Workshop

Prior to the 2012 RMCP meeting, a group of invited participants will convene a workshop addressing **Parasite Biodiversity, Climate Change and Emerging Disease**. Workshop sessions will be devoted to topics such as training, monitoring, outreach, identifying parasites from hosts by non-invasive means, and developing techniques to aid parasitologists in making rapid taxonomic and ecological assessments.

Following lunch on Thursday afternoon (Sept. 6th), there will be an open-ended discussion between workshop participants and the RMCP membership. Eric Hoberg will open the session by introducing workshop participants followed by a formal presentation of the workshop purpose and goals.

The focus of the discussion will center on molding the results gleaned from earlier workshop sessions into an action plan for broadly integrating parasitology into the mix of global climate change, biodiversity, and emerging disease. Comments and questions from the RMCP membership will contribute to formulating an action plan.

Workshop participants include: Dan Brooks, Scott Gardner, Gabor and Elizabeth Racz (UNL), Eric Hoberg (US National Collection), Hugo Mejia, Virginia Leon-Regagnon and Gerardo Perez Ponce de Leon (Mexico) Walter Boeger and Marcelo Knoff (Brazil), and David Herczeg (Hungary).

RMCP members are cordially invited to participate in the Thursday afternoon discussion. Depending on travel distance, attendance may require an early arrival (for example, Wednesday evening). If you plan on an early arrival, be sure to e-mail Jon Garbisch jgarbisch2@unlnotes.unl.edu to arrange for extended meals and lodging.