

DEVELOPMENTS

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE CORNER

Dear Friends,

Spring, with all its excitement and promise, has enveloped the Cary Institute. With endorsement from our Board of Trustees, Dr. Bill Schlesinger has set our dynamic new strategic plan in motion. The future is now. We are positioned for growth and increased awareness of the Institute's ecological expertise.

The Development Office maintains its important role in securing individual and family donations, staging fund-raising events, and hosting outreach programs of intergenerational interest. Well-attended lectures and receptions underscore the enthusiasm of our supporters and the growing number of educated people that recognize the importance of unbiased ecological research.

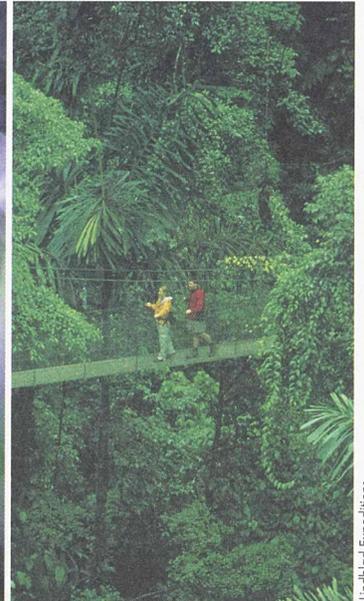
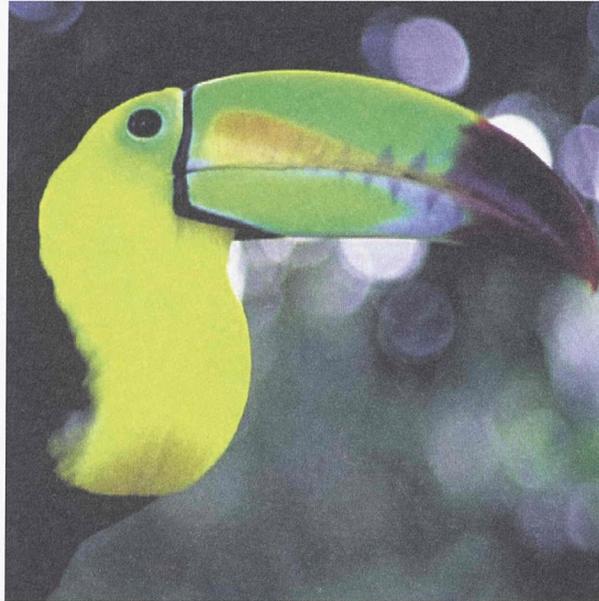
When you support the Cary Institute, you support the science behind environmental solutions. From revealing connections between the environment and disease risk to assessing the sustainability of biofuel, our researchers are on the front lines. When you invest in ecology you invest in the future.

Please join us at our events, enroll as a member, and, when possible, increase your level of membership at renewal time. I can be reached at (845) 677-7600 x120 or salsbergd@ecostudies.org.



All the best,

Diana Salsberg
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Lindblad Expeditions

SUPPORT ECOLOGY, EXPLORE COSTA RICA

Join the Cary Institute for eight days aboard a chartered vessel exploring the Panama Canal and the Costa Rican rainforest. This intimate journey, limited to sixty passengers, will take place from October 25th to November 1st, 2008.

Expert naturalists will guide participants through spectacular rain forests, coastal mountains, and tranquil offshore islands. This biologically-rich region features a diversity of plants and animals, including howler monkeys, hummingbirds, rare white ibis, parrots, toucans, and orchids.

Get close to nature. Observe the region's colorful birds while kayaking in Gulf of Panama inlets. Come nose-to-nose with tropical fish as you snorkel in Isla Coiba, one of Panama's most remote national parks. Indulge in a profusion of orchids during a stroll through Casa Orquideas,

a private Costa Rican garden. Enjoy the antics of howler, squirrel, and spider monkeys as you hike in Corcovado National Park.

Best of all, know that by participating in this memorable excursion you will be helping to support the Institute's broader mission—understanding the ecosystems that support life. This is our second chartered trip, planned in response to the success of our 2007 Galapagos Adventure.

The number of cabins is limited; act now to reserve your space. For additional information, contact Claudia Rosen at (845) 677-7600 x171 or e-mail rosenc@ecostudies.org. To view an online brochure, visit: www.ecostudies.org/IES_explores_Costa_Rica.html



Our calendar is brimming with interesting lectures and events. Of particular note is May 16th, the first of several events celebrating our 25th year. We will hold an Open House with lab tours, demonstrations, and informal talks by our scientists and staff. Looking ahead, save the date of July 27th; the Institute will be hosting a lunch event exploring the future of biofuels.