LOGISTICS FOR THE 2ND JOINT USLTER/MEXLTER HURRICANE RESEARCH NETWORK MEETING

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami, FL
Dec 8-11, 2009

Airport: Folks should fly into MIA on the afternoon of December 8th, 2009. Take a taxi from the airport to your accommodations.

Accommodations:

Kampong: The following folks are staying at the Kampong National Tropical Botanical Garden (http://www.ntbg.org/gardens/kampong.php): Jorge Sliviera-Herrera, Luis Calderon, Daniel Imbert, Jorge Lopez-Portillo, Miguel Martinez-Ramos, Diego Perez-Salicrup, Skip Van Bloem. The address is 4013 South Douglas Rd, Coconut Grove. There is a large gate underneath huge Banyon trees. There is a keypad at the gate; call the office if arriving before 5 pm (305-442-7169). Call the dormitory if arriving after 5 pm (305-445-9434). There will be a sign showing you how to find the dormitory once you get to the gardens. We will pick you up at 6:30 pm Tuesday night for dinner. You will be picked up each day at 8:00 am to have breakfast at the gardens.

Hotel: The rest will be staying at Hampton Inn Miami-Coconut Grove. 2800 SW 28th Terrace, Coconut Grove. 305-448-2800. You must call and make your reservations before December 4, and tell them you are with the FIU Hurricane Meeting to get the special rate. If you’d like to meet the group for dinner on Tuesday night, walk to Las Culebrinas (one block from hotel) around 7:00 pm. There is a continental breakfast in the morning and a van will be by to pick you up each day at 8:15 am.

Venue:

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens: The meeting will be held at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens (http://www.fairchildgarden.org/). We will have lunch at the Gardens and transportation to dinner will be provided.

Field Trips:

On Friday you will have a choice of two field trip options. Folks from the Kampong will be picked up at 8:00 am and dropped off at the hotel for breakfast with the rest. We will have a brief wrap-up meeting and then depart for the field trip in two vans. Please notify Evelyn (gaisere@fiu.edu) of your field trip choice by December 4.

Kayaking through the mangroves: This group will go to Key Largo and rent sit-on-top kayaks and venture on a guided paddling tour through the mangroves (http://www.kayakfloridakeys.com/). You will need to be comfortable in the water but knowing how to kayak is not essential – there will be a brief lesson and it’s easy to learn. Bring swimming clothes, sun hat, sun screen, comfortable shoes that can get wet and a jacket.

Boat tour of the mangroves: This group will go through Everglades National Park to Flamingo Visitor Center and take a guided tour on a large tour boat (http://www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm). Bring a sun hat, sun screen and a jacket.