

## Everything you need to know about CREATE '08

**When:** The conference is being held January 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are travel days, and actual conference activities will take place the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. In order to take advantage of the built-in transportation to and from the airport, you will want to come in on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are not coming to the post-conference excursion, we will provide transportation to the airport on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The post-conference excursion begins January 8<sup>th</sup>, extends through the 10<sup>th</sup>, with transportation to the airport on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Where:** All conference activities will be held on the UGA Costa Rica Campus in San Luis de Monteverde. You can find out more about the UGA Costa Rica Campus at: <http://www.uga.edu/costarica/>. Two optional post-conference excursion packages will be offered (see below). You can choose to go on either excursion. Details on these excursions will be posted at: [http://www.uga.edu/costarica/program\\_adult\\_create.htm](http://www.uga.edu/costarica/program_adult_create.htm)

**How much:** Conference costs are \$750. For traveling companions who are not attending the conference, the costs are \$660. This cost includes transportation to and from the airport, meals, lodging, conference materials, and conference activities, such as guided nature walks on the UGA Costa Rica campus and tour of a local coffee farm. Optional activities such as horseback riding, canopy zip-lines, and a local butterfly garden will be additional (rates will be provided in orientation materials). The total conference cost does not include the post-conference activities. Post-conference excursions will be approximately \$450. Currently, we can only accept checks. If you would like to pay with a credit card, please wait for further instructions. We are working this out and plan to accommodate you.

**How do I get there:** We will provide transportation to the UGA Costa Rica Campus from both the San Jose and Liberia airports. A shuttle will leave from San Jose at 4 pm and from Liberia at 2 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will return to these airports on the 8<sup>th</sup> around 10 AM. Transportation to the airport on the 11<sup>th</sup> will also arrive at the airport around 10 AM. To take advantage of the built-in transportation, you will need to arrange your flights accordingly. The shuttle ride will be approximately 3 to 4 hours. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Liberia shuttle will get to campus in time for dinner, and the San Jose shuttle will stop for dinner on the way.

**Post-Conference:** After the conference there will be two planned group excursions: San Jose/Central Valley and the Pacific Coast. You can choose between these two options. The cost of these excursions will be approximately \$450, which includes 3 nights lodging, breakfast and lunch daily, guides, transportation (including to the airports on the 11<sup>th</sup>), and entrance fees. Dinners are not included in this cost.

**For Presenters:** Please bring your own handouts. You will want to have enough for 40 people. The UGA Costa Rica Campus has laptops, LCD projectors, a slide carousel, and portable stereo speakers that can be hooked up to laptops.

**Carbon-Offset:** The UGA Costa Rica Campus offers a carbon-offset option for air travel and ground transport for this program. This involves paying \$20 to offset the carbon emitted as part of this program. They will use the money to plant trees on the campus and in neighboring areas. Participation in this project is voluntary, and participants will receive a certificate for the offsets purchased. Here is a blurb about this option:

"Not only does this offset carbon related to the program, but also helps to restore degraded ecosystems in the region. The trees we're planting (native species in the avocado family) provide food for migratory birds including the endangered resplendent quetzal and three-wattled bellbird. These birds are endangered in large part because their natural habitat has been all but eliminated."

Because this is voluntary, it is not included in the cost of the conference. You can pay for this option on-site when you arrive at the conference.

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