

Tübingen 30. 03. 2008

**Further information for participants of the workshop
„Mycorrhizas in Tropical Forests“**

Deadline for abstracts: April 30.

Please submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations: word format (doc), 300 words, title, authors, affiliations and e-mail addresses to Ingrid.Kottke@uni-tuebingen.de. We will prepare a handout for participants.

Workshop fees

Fees for the workshop are at 300.- US \$ and include all housing, also if you come one day earlier, meals, car transportation from the airport Loja La Toma and the workshop excursion. Fees can be paid in US \$, the currency of Ecuador, during registration in order to save expenses for bank transfer.

Flights to Ecuador

There are regular international flights to Quito and to Guayaquil.

Flights in Ecuador

Connecting flights to Loja are more frequent from Quito than from Guayaquil. Please check the national line TAME in internet for time schedules. There are mostly two flights per day from Quito to Loja (about 60.- US\$ one direction). The domestic airport is just beside the international airport.

It is recommended to book and pay inland flights 4-3 weeks in advance of travelling. Flights by TAME, Ecuador, can be booked by internet. In case of problems with booking of flights please contact Juan Pablo Suarez, jpsuarez@utpl.edu.ec.

Bus connection to Loja

Ecuador has a quite well developed public bus transportation. There are busses for very low prices from Quito and other places to Loja. (Quito-Loja about 14 hours, 1000 km)

Housing in Quito or Guayaquil

In case you need to spend a night in Quito or Guayaquil there are hotels on all levels of prices. If you want a recommendation: The German scientists mostly stay in Quito in Hotel Sierra Nevada info@hotelsierranevada (small hotel for mountain tourists in the city; taxi transportation 5.- US\$).

Transportation from Loja airport La Toma to Loja will be managed by UTPL. However, if you would miss the car of UTPL there are taxis to drive to Loja (about 15.- US\$)

Visa

Please ask at Ecuadorian Embassy in your country if you need to apply for a visa in advance (if you have further question contact jpsuarez@utpl.edu.ec). Tourist visa, lasting three months, are obtained at the passport control in Ecuador without fees for Germans and other (but all?) European Community citizens.

Excursion during workshop

We will organize a bus trip to the tropical mountain rain forest and the research station of the German research group, Estación Científica San Francisco, 1830 m a.s.l. in valley of San Francisco River, half way to Zamorra, 40 km drive. We will go for a walk into the forest up to about 2100 m. The forest is accessible by steep, wooden stairs and/or a muddy path. Temperature during day time is about 20°C, but it may be very wet. Please bring boots (or rubber boots) and rain jacket with you. We will have a small lunch there and on the way back visit the bushy páramo at 2700 m on pass ElTiro. Maybe very windy and wet again.