

## The North American Section of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects Announces its 2008 Breakout Meeting in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, USA

- **When?** October 24-27, 2008
  - **Where?** Mata de Plátano Field Station and Nature Reserve, Arecibo Puerto Rico
  - Call for papers and posters
    - Papers: 15 min talks (Power Point Presentations)
    - Posters 4'x3'
- NOTE: Limited spaces available for talks and posters
- **Registration Fee:** \$150.00
    - Includes:
      - Ground transportation between San Juan International Airport and the Station
      - Lodging (including tents, showers and bathroom facilities)
      - Food and drink at the station
    - Bring your sleeping bags
    - No on-site registration
    - **Registration deadline is August 31, 2008.**
  - **Travel Awards**
    - Provided for 33 students or recently graduated post-docs who will be presenting at the meeting and are current members of IUSSI
    - Awardees will have their registration fee waived and will receive an additional \$100 towards travel expenses
    - Must submit an application letter signed by an advisor or department chair to:
      - Tugrul Giray
      - Department of Biology
      - University of Puerto Rico
      - PO Box 23360
      - San Juan, PR 00931
      - or
      - [prbreakout@gmail.com](mailto:prbreakout@gmail.com)
  - **Tentative Program:**
    - Friday – travel day; check in at Mata de Plátano, dinner and refreshments
    - Saturday – morning and afternoon talks; business meeting; evening poster session
    - Sunday –morning talks; trips (Arecibo Radio Telescope; bat cave); evening mixer
    - Monday – travel day; breakfast, followed by departure for the airport or field trip to El Yunque Tropical Rain Forest and the Luquillo beach

Register by e-mail to [prbreakout@gmail.com](mailto:prbreakout@gmail.com)

Please include:

- Name
- Institution
- Type of Membership
- Type of Presentation (Paper/ Poster)
- Abstract (no more than 200 words)

**For more information** contact Tugrul Giray (787) 764-0000 x 7662, Bert Rivera-Marchand (787) 279-1912 x2187 or the e-mail above

**Sponsors to date:**

Student Registration Awards: Center for Applied Tropical Ecology, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR.

Student Travel Awards: North American Section of the IUSSI.

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