

**2010 IPS BIENNIAL
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
April 17-23, 2010**

**Registration will close when either the 200 person or 84-room limit is attained.
Absolute Deadline: Registration must be received by February 10, 2010.**

Biennial registration is available via the Internet at www.palms.org. See details under Registration Procedures. For those using regular mail in registering, a Registration Form for the 2010 Biennial is included within the pages of this *Supplement to Palms*; it must be completed clearly and returned by the deadline. Registrants must be IPS members before registering. Membership is available online for those not already members.

Brazil Immigration / Visa Requirements

Brazil requires visas for all visits by citizens from the USA, Mexico and Australia, and many other countries. All Biennial participants should check with their Brazilian Consulate and/or their travel agent for their specific visa requirements.

Biennial Overview

Those lucky enough to attend recent IPS Biennials know that exciting destinations have become the norm, but the 2010 Biennial meeting is shaping up to be one of the most exciting destinations ever: Brazil.

The 2010 IPS Biennial in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, April 17 – 23, 2010, is being sponsored by the International Palm Society and hosted by selected local residents and IPS members living in Brazil. The Biennial officially starts on April 17th, 2010.

Brazil:

Brazil is home to a rich palm flora, spectacularly landscaped gardens, and a handful of dedicated IPS members. Five years ago, when the IPS Board received a proposal from the Brazilian team to host a Biennial meeting, the Board responded enthusiastically. Years of planning and organizing will culminate in the

2010 IPS Biennial in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This will mark the first occasion that the IPS has met in Brazil.

Brazil occupies roughly half of South America, bordering the Atlantic Ocean, spanning the Equator and four time zones and covering 8,514,215 km² (3,287,357 sq mi).

Brazil has one of the world's most extensive river systems with eight major drainage basins, all of which drain into the Atlantic Ocean. Major rivers include the Amazon, the largest river in terms of volume of water, as well as being the second-longest in the world; the Paraná and its major tributary, the Iguaçu River (where the Iguaçu Falls are located); the Negro, São Francisco, Xingu, Madeira and the Tapajós rivers.

Brazilian topography is diverse. The extensive low-lying Amazon Rainforest covers most of Brazil's terrain in the North, whereas small hills and low mountains occupy the South. Along the Atlantic coast there are several mountain ranges, with a highest altitude of roughly 2,900 meters (9,500 feet). The highest peak is the 3,014 meters (9,890 ft) Pico da Neblina (*Peak of Fog or Misty Peak*).

For this Biennial, which includes several tours of natural forests, Dr. Andrew Henderson is preparing a field guide to the palms of the state of Rio de Janeiro to assist participants in identifying the native palms to be seen on tours.

Day-by-Day Schedule

The IPS cannot guarantee that the following itinerary will be followed precisely, but the overall Biennial dates will be maintained by the IPS Biennial organizers..

Day 0, Friday, 16 April 2010.

The IPS Board members arrive on this day, one day ahead of most participants. It is also suggested that other participants traveling great distances arrive on this date to allow for adjustment to local time before the Biennial actually begins.

Day 1. Saturday, 17 April 2010.

Arrival of the Biennial meeting participants. Attendees will arrive at the Rio de Janeiro International Airport and will be met by bilingual guides. Attendees will be shuttled to the Windsor Barra Hotel, located in front of Barra da Tijuca beach where *Allagoptera arenaria* occurs in its natural habitat. A welcoming dinner and social event will occur in the evening.

The Board meeting, which is open to all members of the IPS, will take place on Saturday, starting in the morning and finishing in the afternoon. At Board meetings, the directors make decisions on the management of the Society, future Biennial meeting sites, and disbursement of endowment fund grants.

Day 2. Sunday. 18 April 2010.

This is the day that the tours begin. Air conditioned buses will carry participants on a tour of Serra das Orgãos National Park (Parque Nacional da Serra das Orgãos), located less than two hours from the hotel in the Brazilian Highlands of Rio de Janeiro state. The park is a lush fragment of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest (or *Mata Atlântica*), recently designated as a World Biosphere Reserve. Serra das Orgãos National Park protects 11,800 hectares (ca. 29,160 acres) of the Atlantic Forest; it covers parts of Petrópolis, Teresópolis, Magé and Guapimirim from 300 to 2,263 m (985 to 7,425 feet) altitude. The region offers spectacular vistas and unusual rock formations like the Dedo de Deus (Finger of God). The Teresópolis region has at least two entrances into this vast National Park, where we hope to see several species of palm including *Geonoma schottiana* and *Lytocaryum weddellianum* in the wild. This

forest is notable for the diversity of *Geonoma*, and the aptly named *G. elegans* is common here. The beautiful *Euterpe edulis* also occurs here. Other palms include species of *Bactris*, *Desmoncus* and *Syagrus*. Just a short drive beyond Teresópolis, the vegetation changes rapidly into seasonally dry forests and there we will see impressive stands of *Attalea apoda* before returning to the hotel.

The city itself, Teresópolis, lies in the Órgãos Mountains at 2,959 feet (902 meters) above sea level, about 35 miles (56 km) north-northeast of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Named for the Brazilian empress Teresa Cristina in 1890 and originally spelled Therezópolis, it was given city status in 1893. A cool climate and picturesque setting amid mountain peaks (including the Dedo de Deus) make the city a popular summer resort. Scenic waterfalls are located nearby. Flowers are grown in the region, and fruits and vegetables are shipped to supply the Rio metropolitan area.

The trip to Teresópolis and the Serra dos Órgãos National Park will be followed by IPS hosted dinner at the hotel in Rio.

Day 3. Monday, 19 April 2010.

On this day, we will travel just thirty minutes from the hotel to the historic Botanical Garden Rio de Janeiro (Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro); in the afternoon the participants will split between those wishing to stay at the Rio Jardim Botânico throughout the afternoon and a second group for those who wish to go to the Christ the Redeemer monument on Corcovado Mountain in Tijuca.

The morning and much of the afternoon will be devoted to visiting the marvelous plantings in the Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro. A lunch will be served at the garden, followed by a palm lecture.

The Rio Botanical Garden (Jardim Botânico), created in 1808, is known for its famous and much-photographed royal palms along the main entry avenue. Known as the Avenue of Royal Palms, the entrance is lined with 134 soaring *Roystonea oleraceae*. The garden covers over 142 ha (350 acres,) but only about 40% of the area is cultivated, with the remainder being natural forest. The garden is home to hundreds of palm species and was recognized by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve in 1992.

Following lunch and a lecture, those not wishing to stay at the Botanic Garden for the

remainder of the day will leave by bus to visit the 30 meter (100 feet) tall statue of Christ the Redeemer at Tijuca National Park (Parque Nacional da Tijuca), which is just thirty minutes from the garden.

The view from the Corcovado Mountain is out over the Tijuca National Park, which contains the largest urban forest in the world. The 3,238 ha (8,000 acre) rainforest was once cleared for growing coffee, sugar cane and pasture, but from 1862 to 1874, thousands of trees, both native and exotic, were replanted. Over time, native species have recolonized the land, and now the forest supports a rich community of native flora and fauna.

The buses will return participants from both the Rio Botanical Garden and the Christ the Redeemer monument back to the hotel. There is no planned dinner nor evening events; all will be free to make their own arrangements.

Day 4. Tuesday, 20 April 2010.

See “boxed note” at the end of this day’s write-up for further explanation on how the Tuesday (Day 4) and Thursday (Day 6) schedules will be exchanged between two groups of Biennial attendees. Approximately half of the attendees (Group A) will see the two destinations described below on this Tuesday (Day 4), while the other half (Group B) will visit the destinations described under Thursday (Day 6)

Group A: (two buses, alternating destinations)

One destination for this day for Group A will be the home and garden of the famed artist and landscape designer Roberto Burle Marx. His famous Copacabana promenade mosaic, completed in 1970 along the Rio de Janeiro beach, is now an icon of the city. His garden and home have been turned into a museum and cultural center since his death in 1994. Burle Marx is known for his bold use of color, abstract design and local plant materials, including palms, aroids and bromeliads, many collected by Burle Marx himself on field excursions to the surrounding forests.

A second destination for Group A will be Herminio’s Nursery. Herminio’s nursery and garden have a wide diversity of plants, including a number of exotic and native palm species. It is a fairly large area to wander around in – with roads, trails and a number of shade houses and full sun areas. Herminio has

many rare plants that undoubtedly he will proudly point out to us. According to Larry Noblick, native *Syagrus pseudococos* are growing near the top of his hill. This will be an ideal opportunity to see how a Brazilian nursery functions.

Lunch will be provided by the IPS.

Following a late afternoon return to the hotel, there will be an IPS-hosted dinner, followed by lectures on palm topics.

Group B: (two buses, alternating destinations)

See note below and Thursday (Day 6) schedule for these destinations.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE NOTE:

It is anticipated that only half of the Biennial participants will see the Burle Marx garden and the Herminio Nursery on this Tuesday (Day 4). The other half of the attendees will go to the destinations shown in this schedule on Day 6 (Thursday) due to space limitations.

Since all of these four destinations (Burle Marx and Herminio as well as Prainha and Grumari) on the Thursday schedule write-up limit the number of visitors to 40 (or one bus load) at a time, we need to split up the group into smaller groups with two buses going to visit Burle Marx and Herminio’s on this day (Tuesday), while the other one or two buses go to visit Prainha and Grumari (see details on the Thursday write-up). We will alternate the two groups on Thursday. Further, the two buses going to Burle Marx and Herminio on Tuesday will have to alternate as well – with one going to the Burle Marx in the morning while the other goes to Herminio’s and then exchanging destinations in the afternoon. The same will be true for Prainha and Grumari destinations on Tuesday and Thursday.

Day 5. Wednesday, 21 April 2010.

This will be a “free day” devoted to optional outings and activities. Participants can choose to spend the day by the pool, enjoy shopping at local markets, take city tours and visit museums and gardens not on the itinerary.

Tour guides (at extra cost) will be available for the following:

- Take the *bondinho* cable car – more properly called *teleférico*, to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain (Pão de Açúcar) overlooking Urca and the city of Rio.

- Visit the Christ the Redeemer monument in Tijuca National Park (for those not visiting it on Monday).
- Tour Market place(s) and/or take a City or Museum Tour
- Shop at Designer Shopping Center.

Day 6. Thursday, 22 April 2010.

Group A: (two buses, alternating destinations)

As on Tuesday (Day 4), participants will split up this day to destinations limited to a single bus at a time.

A primary destination is the small but very interesting Prainha Ecological Park, with second destination Grumari Beach. Lunch will be provided by IPS.

If time allows, attendees may have a chance to see and explore the Rio Tropical Islands – alternately, this may have to be left to a “free day.” Watch the IPS website for updates on this day’s schedule.

Prainha Ecological Park, created in 1999 with an area of 126.30 hectares (312 acres) and located within the city of Rio de Janeiro, is a spectacular piece of the Atlantic forest that lies close to the coast. Prainha means “little beach” and the Park is very scenic with wonderful vistas, excellent trails and a palm flora including *Astrocaryum aculeatissimum*, *Attalea dubia*, *Bactris vulgaris*, *Desmoncus polyacanthos*, *Euterpe edulis*, *Syagrus picrophylla* and *Syagrus romanzoffiana*. To see what other wonderful plants can be seen there, check out the Rapid Color Guide offered by the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago at http://fm2.fieldmuseum.org/plantguides/guide_pdfs/192%20Prainha-monoc%202.0.pdf. This is a very nice 4-page color PDF file including 77 photographs of individual plants and scenic views from within the Prainha park. Print it out and bring it with you on the tour!

Grumari is another beach with adjacent Atlantic Forest and a palm flora similar to that found at Prainha, but from a different perspective. According to local sources, the spectacular Grumari beach is “the most beautiful and unspoiled in Rio.” What preserves it is the fact that it truly has not yet been “discovered.” It is often used as scenery of soap operas and movies. Grumari Beach is an environmentally protected area of the city of Rio. Access is forbidden without special

permission, and is limited for buses and/or large groups.

The green forest of the area is fully preserved. See www.copacabana.info/grumari-beach.html for a few photographs and more details about the beach.

Dinner will be at the hotel, followed by a speaker, provided by the IPS.

Group B: (two buses, alternating destinations)

See note below and Tuesday (Day 4) schedule for these destinations.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE NOTE:

It is anticipated that only half of the Biennial participants will see Prainha and Grumari on this Thursday (Day 6). The other half of the attendees will go to the Burle Marx and Herminio destinations described in the schedule on Day 4 (Tuesday) due to space limitations.

Since all of these four destinations (Burle Marx and Herminio as well as Prainha and Grumari on the Thursday schedule write-up) limit the number of visitors to 40 (one bus load) at a time, we will need to split the group into smaller groups with two buses going to visit Burle Marx and Herminio’s on this day (Tuesday), while the other one or two buses are going to visit Prainha and Grumari (see details on the Thursday write-up). We will alternate the two groups on Thursday. Furthermore, the two buses going to Burle Marx and Herminio on Tuesday will have to alternate as well – with one going to the Burle Marx in the morning while the other goes to Herminio’s and then exchanging destinations in the afternoon. The same will be true for Prainha and Grumari destinations on Tuesday and Thursday.

Day 7. Friday, 23 April 2010.

Participants will travel in four air-conditioned coach buses with the entire day devoted to tours of Boa Esperança ranch. The ranch is the property of Jill Menzel, who has a real passion for plants, and is one of the most impressive gardens in the Rio de Janeiro area. The ranch is two hours from Rio de Janeiro.

Over the past six years, Jill has planted a large number of native and exotic palms on her ranch, and they have made incredible growth. She also has preserved a large tract of Brazil’s Atlantic Coastal Forest, an extremely fragmented and endangered ecosystem. Visitors

to her ranch will have the rare opportunity to see the endangered Golden Lion Tamarin *Leontopithecus rosalia*, which is native to the region and protected in the forest on the ranch. The Golden Lion Tamarin is an endangered species with an estimated wild population of "more than 1,000 individuals" and a captive population of approximately 490 individuals.

Palms indigenous to the area include various species of *Attalea*, *Astrocaryum*, *Bactris*, *Geonoma* and *Syagrus*.

Jill is also starting her own nursery at her ranch, which we will be able to visit.

During the course of the day, a light box lunch will be served, and each bus group will visit a commercial farm where *Bactris gasipaes* is cultivated for fruits. We shall see a demonstration of the uses of *Bactris* and have the opportunity to purchase products.

The day will end with the farewell banquet, where we thank our local hosts, say our good-byes to friends old and new, and make plans for the 2012 Biennial. Buses will take all participants back to the hotel.

Day 8. Saturday, 24 April 2010.

Departure day. Shuttles will be provided from the hotel to the airport for participants.

Those Biennial participants interested in other palm-related events associated with the Biennial should check out the two optional Pre-Biennial tour and the one optional Post-Biennial tour that have been organized and are available at extra cost. See write-ups separately in this Supplement for the Uruguay Pre-Biennial Tour, Andrew Henderson's Amazonas River Pre-Biennial tour, and Harri Lorenzi's Post-Biennial tour to Jardim Botânico Inhotim, Cadeia do Espinhaço and Jardim Botânico Plantarum.

The Rio Biennial is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and not to be missed. Check out the registration materials in this *Supplement* to *PALMS* and on-line at the IPS web site, www.palms.org. We look forward to seeing at the IPS Biennial in Rio!

For a brief article (in Portuguese) about the planning for this Biennial, see the website. http://www.dm.com.br/materias/show/t/maior_a_cervo_de_palmeiras_do_mundo

Biennial, Registration Form and Payment Information are included on the last two pages of this *Supplement*.

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General Information: Registrations are limited to a maximum of 200 persons or 84 hotel rooms, whichever comes first. Should the room maximum be reached, the IPS will endeavor to obtain hotel room confirmation for any additional registrants at the agreed rate, but this cannot be guaranteed!

Registration will close when we reach either of the above limits, irrespective of other dates provided in this announcement.

All prices quoted are in US Dollars.

Key Dates:

Main Biennial:

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| April 16
(Friday) | Early arrival for the IPS Board of Directors; suggested early arrival for those from great distances [<i>Hotel / meal costs for this day are NOT included in Biennial fees.</i>] |
| April 17
(Saturday) | All day meeting of the IPS Board of Directors. Other Biennial attendees arrival, hotel check-in, and Welcome Dinner |
| April 18
(Sunday) | Biennial Tours Begin for all Biennial participants |
| April 23
(Friday) | Farewell Dinner. Biennial officially ends |
| April 24
(Saturday) | Biennial Participants resume their personal travels, either home or onward elsewhere |

It is advisable for attendees traveling from great distances to arrive in Rio by Friday, April 16th, to comfortably adjust. It is imperative that all IPS Directors and Officers arrive by end-of-day Friday, April 16th, to attend the all day Board Meeting on Saturday, April 17th.

Pre-and Post-Tours only:

April 7 [Amazon pre-tour only]
(Wednesday) Departure from Manaus for optional Amazonas Tour.

Participants should arrive Manaus on Wednesday, April 7th, 2010. Participants to make their own travel arrangements to Manaus.

April 13 [Uruguay pre-tour only]
(Tuesday) Departure from Montevideo for optional Uruguay Tour

Participants should arrive in Montevideo on the morning of Wednesday, April 13th. Participants to make their own travel arrangements to Montevideo

April 16 [Uruguay pre-tour only]
(Friday) Departure from Montevideo to Rio for Biennial.

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

April 17 [Amazonas pre-tour only]
(Saturday) Departure from Manaus to Rio for Biennial.

IPS Directors should plan to take very early flight (1:25 am Manaus departure arriving Rio at 6:10am is preferred) in order to arrive in time to participate in full IPS Board of Directors meeting this date. Another possibility is the 4:10am departure that does not arrive Rio until 9:05am, so is a less attractive possibility for IPS Directors – allowing them to attend most (but not all) of the IPS Board Meeting. Other non-IPS Director participants can return to Rio on this date on flight of their choice. All participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

April 24 [Post-Biennial Tour to Jardim Botânico Inhotim, et al. only]
(Saturday) Departure from Rio on this morning

All participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

April 27 [Post-Biennial Tour to Jardim Botânico Inhotim, et al. only]
(Tuesday) Tour ends, participants provided transport to São Paulo airport

All participants are responsible for their own travel arrangement, including return to Rio de Janeiro, if that is in their travel plans.

Early Arrivals and Late Departures:

Attendees may choose to arrive earlier or depart later than the above Biennial dates. IPS

room rates for the designated hotel will apply immediately before and after the Biennial and are available only through the hotel in Rio de Janeiro, and not through the IPS (except for the case of IPS Directors' hotel rooms for the night of Friday, April 16th, which should be reserved through and paid to the IPS.) The IPS cannot book extra night rooms for attendees.

See details under **Contacts for Information** (Extending Rio accommodations.) Charges for these extended stays are not included in the registration fee and must be paid separately directly to the Hotel by the attendee.

Biennial Location: The Biennial will begin and end in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Attendees are advised to make their Brazilian Visa and their airline reservations early.

The IPS cannot guarantee that the itinerary will be followed precisely, but the overall Biennial dates will be honored by the IPS tour organizers.

Cost of Biennial:

Since Rio de Janeiro is a high-demand destination, we are offering an early registration discount of \$150 for all who sign up prior to December 15th, 2009. This discount is reflected in the pricing below.

- Registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED and PAID by December 15 is US\$1,450.
- Registration per person for single occupancy RECEIVED and PAID by December 15 is US\$2,070.
- Registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED and PAID between December 16 through February 10, 2010, is US\$1,600.
- Registration per person for single occupancy RECEIVED and PAID between December 16 through February 10, 2010 is US\$2,220.
- In addition, as they are required to be in attendance a day early, the Biennial registration form allows IPS Directors (only) to book and pay for one additional night's hotel for Friday, April 16th, through the IPS. This rate will be maintained until the 24 rooms reserved for directors have been filled. The rate for the **room** at either single occupancy or double occupancy is

US\$175.00 and includes 10% service and 5% city taxes. (Incumbent and incoming IPS Directors: please book and pay this night via the Biennial Registration Form)

[The exact same hotel rate is available to all Biennial participants who wish to arrive early or stay extra days. However, non-Directors should book their rooms via Marcele at the hotel. The same is true for IPS Directors wishing to book nights earlier than Friday, April 16th or later than Friday, April 23rd. (See **Contacts for Information**.)

The Biennial registration fee includes:

- All IPS tours, guides, and Rio de Janeiro airport transfers
- Seven nights hotel accommodations (nights of 17-23 April, inclusive of service charges and city taxes)
- All meals starting with Welcoming dinner on Saturday (April 17th) through breakfast on April 24th – except for one lunch (Monday, April 19th) and two dinners (Monday and Wednesday, April 19th and 21st) for which participants will be on their own. Breakfast is included in the cost of each night's Biennial accommodations.

Not included in the Biennial registration fee are personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, gratuities, bar charges, extra meals, trip insurance, airfare and airport charges for all flights to and from Rio de Janeiro (GIG).

Also NOT included in the Biennial registration fee are any hotel costs and meals for early arrivals (earlier than April 17th), or for those staying the night of April 24th or later.

Biennial Registration does not include fees for any Pre-Biennial or Post-Biennial tour events in Brazil or Uruguay. Registrations for these tours must be made separately to the respective agents. See elsewhere in this *Supplement* for details.

Hotel: Attendees will stay at the Windsor Barra Hotel on nights of April 17th through April 23rd, with possibility of IPS Directors also reserving (and paying for) the night of April 16th through the IPS. Any other nights arrangements must be made directly with Marcele at the hotel.

Here is the hotel description from that website: "Located in front of privileged Barra

da Tijuca beach, the Windsor Barra is surrounded by beauty. Exuberant nature enters through its doors and blends with its 5-star elegance. Barra da Tijuca is Rio's most modern living complex and community; sophisticated, vibrant and offering innumerable attractions such as fine bars and restaurants serving world class cuisine, air-conditioned mega shopping malls featuring world famous fashions and designers labels, theme parks, ecological reserves and sports of all types. Only 15 km (9 miles) from Ipanema Beach and 18 km (11 miles) from Copacabana."

Windsor Barra Hotel

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Website: <http://www.windsorhoteis.com.br/en-us/loca.asp?hid=23>

IPS Biennial Participants wishing to reserve additional nights immediately after or before the Biennial should do this through Hotel Events Coordinator Marcele Mello (Tel: +55 21 2195-5012) See **Contacts for Information**.

Room upgrades may be available to early registrants, but such upgrades will be at extra cost and at the expense of attendees. Any such requests must be made directly to Marcele at the Windsor Barra Hotel.

Less expensive rooms are not available. Arrangements have been made for all attendees to stay at the same hotel. All events for this Biennial will be based in Rio de Janeiro.

Partial Registration: Because of the complexity of the Biennial's itinerary and the fact that the group is traveling to multiple areas, partial attendance is unavailable and no reduced rate for partial registration is being offered. Attendees with "special schedules" (i.e., partially attending the Biennial) must pay the full registration fee and arrange their individual transportation to accommodate their specific needs. All attendees will be charged the regular fee regardless of where they plan their accommodations.

Airfare To/From Rio de Janeiro, Brazil:

Attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own round trip flights to Rio. It is suggested you book your tickets early to get the best fares. It is also suggested you book your flights before you register for the Biennial. Please note that the

primary airport for the Biennial is Rio's major international airport – the **Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport** (formerly known as **Galeão International Airport**) which has IATA airport code GIG (and ICAO Airport Code SBGL).

Book now! Be prepared for the very strict, time-consuming security inspections at all airports for all flights. Be sure to have a valid passport with a valid Brazilian Visa and avoid carry-on baggage to facilitate inspection. As the regulations on passport expiration and Visa requirements has changed for many countries, make sure your passport does not expire within six months of the date of return travel from the Biennial.

Airport Reception and Transportation to Hotel:

Attendees will be met at Rio's major international airport – the **Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport** (formerly known as **Galeão International Airport**) with IATA airport code GIG. IPS arrivals will be met upon exiting the customs area and provided transportation to the Windsor Barra Hotel, but *only* if attendees have informed the IPS Biennial Registrants with their flight arrival and departure information at least seven (7) days before their arrival. Send an e-mail with your flight arrival and departure information to Jim Cain at jim.cain@cain-barnes.com, with copy to Kim Cyr at kimberley.b.cyr@gmail.com.

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<http://www.palms.org>**

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION:

Biennial Registration

Biennial Registration is available on-line. For on-line registration and payment, visit www.palms.org and select the Biennial Registration link.

If you do not use on-line Biennial registration, mail or fax your forms and payment to:

Jim Cain
12418 Stafford Springs Drive
Houston, TX 77077-3910
E-mail: Jim.Cain@Cain-Barnes.com
Tel: (832) 215-5551
Fax: +1 281-556-1084

Specific questions on items relating to your registration and/or your personal travel logistics and/or special needs within your party:

Contact either Jim Cain at any of the above, or:

Kimberley Cyr
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San Diego, CA 92107
E-mail: kimberley.b.cyr@gmail.com
Tel: +1 (619) 222-7402

Website: The IPS website, www.palms.org will provide the capability for **on-line Registration** beginning in September 2009. Additional links to sites to be visited during the 2010 Biennial will be added to the IPS website as they come available.

Specific questions on the itinerary:

Contact John DeMott of the IPS (redland@redlandnursery.com.)

Extending Rio accommodations at IPS rates before or after the Biennial must be organized directly with the Hotel Events Coordinator, Marcele Mello, the sole contact for all hotel requests.

Events Coordinator Marcele Mello
E-mail: eventos.windsorbarra@windsorhoteis.com.br

Windsor Barra Hotel

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Marcele Mello is handling both the event for the IPS and individual registrations for extended hotel stays before and/or after the official Biennial nights of April 17-23.

Pre Biennial Uruguay Tour

Described later in this *Supplement*, all inquiries, registrations, etc., for the Uruguay Pre-Biennial Tour must be made directly with Turismo TOP.

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Turismo TOP

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Pre Biennial Amazonas Tour

As described later in this *Supplement*, all inquiries, registrations, etc., for the Amazonas Pre-Biennial Tour must be made directly with Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Gardens.

Andrew Henderson

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www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/

Post Biennial Tour

As described later in this *Supplement*, all inquiries, registrations, etc., for Harri Lorenzi's Post-Biennial Tour to Jardim Botânico Inhotim, Cadeia do Espinhaço and Jardim Botânico Plantarum must be made directly with Vipitur Turismo.

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Website: [http:// www.plantarum.org.br/jdbotanico/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92&catid=29](http://www.plantarum.org.br/jdbotanico/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92&catid=29)

E-mail: bete@vipitur.com.br or

Hotmail: bgarbex@hotmail.com or

SKYPE: [betearbex](#)

Special Needs/Handicap Services:

Attention will be given to attendees with special needs or who are physically challenged. Please be aware that there may be walking difficulties in some sites due to grade, wetness and trail surfaces.

Disclaimer, Itinerary Changes

Members of the IPS have worked for over a year in developing the framework of the itinerary. However, unforeseen weather or economic or political factors could necessitate changes in the plans or itinerary. Therefore, no absolute guarantee can be given that the itinerary and its activities as presented will be followed precisely.

Insurance

The IPS does not offer health or accident insurance, trip insurance, or life insurance as part of these events. It is recommended that attendees pursue their individual insurance needs with their own insurance agents.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR BIENNIAL:

- **Attendee must be an IPS Member before registering for Biennial Events.**
- **Membership may be purchased on-line at www.palms.org.**
- **Do not combine payments for dues or books. with your registration fee payment. Such payments will be returned to Attendee.** Separate check or payment must be made for anything other than Biennial registrations!

On-line registration is available through a link on the IPS website: www.palms.org. On the IPS website, select 2010 Biennial Registration link.

Mail / Fax Registration (if preferred):

Attendees need to fully complete both sides of the enclosed Registration Form and mail or fax with payment to Jim Cain. See **Contacts for Information** section. Even for those registering online, the Indemnification Waiver (signed by EACH attendee) needs to be mailed to Jim.

HOW TO PAY REGISTRATION FEE

- **On-line registration:** MasterCard or Visa - Confirmation will be provided by e-mail within 48 hours.
- **Mail-in registration for attendees living within the United States:** personal check, cashiers check, or money order made out to the International Palm Society; or by Credit Card. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.
- **Mail-in registration for attendees living outside of the United States:** international bank draft or international money order

payable in US dollars on a US bank; or by Credit Card. Visa and MasterCard are accepted

- **Fax registration:** By Credit Card only. Visa and MasterCard are accepted and will be processed by IPS if the information is included on the Registration Form faxed to Jim Cain.

You should receive email notification that your registrations and associated payments have been processed. These should be received within 24 hours after you make an online or faxed payment. If you do not receive a timely confirmation of registration or payment, please contact Jim Cain (See **Contacts for Information.**)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

All registration forms and payments must be received by February 10, 2010 at the latest. If the number of registrants reaches the limit of 200 for the Biennial or all 84 blocked rooms are filled before February 10, 2010, registration will then close. No registrations will be accepted after this date!

Should the room maximum be reached, the IPS will endeavor to obtain hotel room confirmation for any additional registrants at the agreed rate, but this cannot be guaranteed!

REFUND POLICY

The IPS must pre-pay non-refundable deposits to some vendors. Therefore, strict refund policies described below apply to the 2010 Biennial. This policy does not apply to any airline tickets or extended lodging booked separately by attendee (outside of the IPS Registration process). For those, check with your travel agent for applicable refund policies.

- Refunds requested on or before February 1, 2010: Full refund minus ten percent (10%).
- Refunds requested after February 1, 2010 but before February 12, 2010: 50% refund of amount paid.
- Absolutely no refunds allowed after February 12, 2010.

Optional Pre- and Post-Biennial Tours

Two optional Pre-Biennial tours and one optional Post-Biennial tour have been organized for those wishing to have a longer stay.

One Pre-Biennial option is a four-day / three-night tour to see the palms of Uruguay.

The other Pre-Biennial tour, led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the NYBG, is his ten-day "Palms of the Amazon" eco-tour, which will depart from Manaus, Brazil.

For an optional Post-Biennial tour, Brazilian palm enthusiast Harri Lorenzi has arranged a four-day / three-night expedition Harri Lorenzi's Post-Biennial Tour to Jardim Botânico Inhotim, Cadeia do Espinhaço and Jardim Botânico Plantarum. This event is suitable for all, including participants of any age and those with physical difficulties.

Full details and descriptions of all three of these events follow below – including details on how to sign up for each of them.

All inquiries, registrations, etc., for any of these optional excursions must be made directly with the organizing group or individual. This same contact information is also being made available on the IPS website.

PRE TOUR in URUGUAY, BIENIAL 2010

Punta del Este and Rocha
April 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th (4 days – 3 nights)

Uruguay Natural, a name rightly given to this gently undulating green country, where, with its temperate climate and long coastline with beautiful white sand beaches, a place where people come to enjoy peace and security. Punta del Este is a very chic and famous beach resort.

Rocha is home to the world's largest (and southernmost) natural grove of *Butia capitata*, very near the Atlantic Ocean. It is also home to a unique specimen of *Butiagrus nabonnandi* – about 30 meters (100 feet) tall.

Rates:

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (4-Star Hotel): US\$ 640.00

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON SINGLE OCCUPANCY (4-Star Hotel): US\$ 750.00.

- Confirmed reservations received after January 31st, 2010, will be subject to a 15% increase on the above rates.

Package at above rates includes:

Accommodation:

Three (3) nights accommodation, Standard room in a 4-Star Hotel in Punta del Este,

including Government Tax on lodging. The three nights are April 13th, 14th and 15th, 2010.

Programmed activities

- Visit to Montevideo, capital city of Uruguay, including the Botanical Gardens.
- Visit to La Barra and Jose Ignacio, or Arboretum Lussich, or to Isla de Lobos
- Visit to the palm groves of *Butia capitata* in Rocha

Transportation:

- Arrival and departure transfers at Montevideo Int'l Airport (MVD) or Punta del Este (the Capitan Corbeta CA Curbelo International Airport (PDP))
- Suggested time of arrival in Montevideo is by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 13th
- Round trip boat transfer Punta del Este / Isla de Lobos / Punta del Este
- Round trip ground transfer to La Barra, Jose Ignacio or Arboretum Lussich, and to Rocha

Food & Refreshments:

- Day 1, Tuesday, April 13th, lunch and dinner included
- Both Day 2, Wednesday, April 14th and Day 3, Thursday, April 15th: Breakfast (at the hotel), Lunch & dinner are included. (Beverages are not included.)
- Day 4, Fri. April 16th, Breakfast only (included at the hotel)

Additional Remarks:

- Comfortable clothes, sunscreen protection, insect repellent, walking shoes, hat and camera are recommended.
- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities are not included.

For reservations, or to obtain further information, contact:

Ximena Escuder

Turismo TOP

Calle Las Gaviotas esq. Gorlero Loc.04

Telephone: (00.598.42) 44.83.73 / 74

Punta del Este, Uruguay.

E-mail: turismotop@adinet.com.uy

AMAZONAS RIVERBOAT TOUR 2010

Manaus and the Amazon River

April 7th through 16th (10 nights)

Once again the New York Botanical Garden is offering a *Palm Tour of the Amazon*. This tour is designed for palm enthusiasts who are interested in experiencing the rich and diverse palm flora of the Amazon. The tour is being led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden.

The 10-day trip is planned for April 7th through April 16th, 2010, to take place immediately before the Rio Biennial.

On April 7th, 2010, there are currently two flights scheduled from Miami to Manaus, leaving at 8:10am and 11:05am, arriving Manaus at 1:25pm and 8:15pm, respectively. Dr. Henderson encourages participants to take the earlier flight, so that the tour can depart Manaus earlier, but states that "we will wait for everyone to arrive [on April 17th]. He also points out that for tour participants from Australia and Hawaii, their arrival options into Manaus are unclear.

On April 16th and 17th, there are two very early (middle of the night) flights from Manaus to Rio. These currently leave at 1:25am and 4:10am, arriving Rio at 6:10am and 9:05am, respectively. As noted elsewhere:

IPS Directors should plan to take very early flight (the 1:25 am departure arriving Rio at 6:10am is preferred) in order to arrive in time to participate in the full IPS Board of Directors meeting this date. Another possibility is the 4:10am flight that does not arrive Rio until 9:05am, so this is a less attractive possibility for IPS Directors – allowing them to attend most (but not all) of the IPS Board Meeting. Other non-IPS Director participants can return to Rio on this date.

Andrew advises that assuming the tour arrives back to Manaus on April 16th, as planned, then participants going on to Rio on the early morning flight of April 17th could stay on the boat until late evening of April 16th, and then be taken to the airport.

The following Amazon Tour Information Sheet information is taken from the NYBG website and is potentially subject to change. Please click on "Information Sheet" at www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/ for the latest version before you register.

AMAZON PALM TOUR INFORMATION SHEET 2010

Dates: April 7-16th, 2010 (immediately before the Rio Biennial)

Departure: Manaus, Brazil

Price: US\$2750 (estimated, depending on exchange rates)

Included:

- Transfers to and from airport in Manaus
- Accommodations on board Amazon river boat (double occupancy)
- All meals other than as noted below - field trips, admissions and guides' services

Not Included:

- Round trip airfare to Manaus, Brazil
- Passport and visa fees
- Brazilian airport departure tax
- Beverages (there is a bar on the boat)
- Meals purchased while traveling to or from Manaus or on personal time
- Excursions not included in the itinerary
- Tips for local guides and boat crew

Tour Leader: Dr. Andrew Henderson, Curator, Institute of Systematic Botany, New York Botanical Garden

Reservations: A non-refundable deposit check in the amount of US\$400 per person is required to reserve a place on the tour. All checks should be made payable to The New York Botanical Garden and sent to Andrew Henderson, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458-5126. Early reservations are recommended as space is limited to 24 participants.

Payment Schedule:

- US\$400 deposit due at time of registration
- US\$800 second payment due Friday, October 30th, 2009
- US\$1550 final payment due Friday, November 27th, 2009

Cancellation & Refund Policy: The initial \$400 deposit is non-refundable. At the time of receipt of written notice of cancellation, the following additional fees will apply:

- Prior to October 30th, 2009: \$200.00
- October 30th to November 27th, 2009: \$400.00

- After November 27th, 2009, 100% of cost

Additional Information: Participants will be sent information on travel arrangements and documents, health requirements, and suggested reading and packing lists. For additional information, please e-mail Andrew Henderson at ahenderson@nybg.org or call him at 1-(718) 817-8973.

For more information and booking form go to: www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/, the tour website.

The following Post-Biennial tour has been arranged by Brazilian palm enthusiast Harri Lorenzi. In addition to the details below, it is described in detail on Harri's website: www.plantarum.org.br/jdbotanico/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92&catid=29 [Be sure to capture the full URL including the last bit – "&id=92&catid=29" in your Internet browser.

POST TOUR in BRAZIL, BIENNIAL 2010

April 24-27, 2010 - 4 days/3nights
Jardim Botânico Inhotim, Cadeia do Espinhaço and Jardim Botânico Plantarum

Organized and guided by Harri Lorenzi.
Suitable for participants of any age or for those with physical difficulties.

This tour will show you in a two-day field trip, the greatest palm biodiversity area of the Brazilian territory, in which you will be able to see at least 21 species in the wild. In the two botanical gardens visits that follow, you will be able to see in cultivation probably all 305 native palm species of Brazil.

The tour starts on Saturday, April 24th, in Belo Horizonte, the capital city of the state of Minas Gerais, after a 50 minute jet flight trip from Rio de Janeiro, from where we depart early in the morning. Soon after arriving in the city and directly from the airport, we will head to the Centro de Arte Contemporânea Inhotim, a distance of 50 km from the airport; there you will spend the day to see contemporary art in 21 galleries intermixed with a luxurious 50 ha (124 acre) garden with a large palm collection of the native and exotic flora. There is also a marvelous restaurant located among palms,

orchids, bromeliads, etc, where you may eat (price not included in the package.)

In the two days that follow (Sunday and Monday), we will depart for a field trip to de Cadeia do Espinhaço, a 600 km (370 mile) circuit in a comfortable bus, through a breathtaking natural landscape in a 1,000 m (3,280 feet) highland region – mainly a grassland and savanna vegetation area intermixed with rocky outcrops among dazzling creeks and waterfalls. This area is considered by the United Nations as a Biosphere Reserve and it hosts many endemic flora and fauna species. There are eleven (11) conservation units (natural parks and biological reserves) in this complex ecosystem, where you will also enjoy seeing many of the following palm species:

Acrocomia aculeata
Allagoptera campestris
Attalea compta
Attalea geraensis
Butia archeri
Butia capitata
Euterpe edulis
Geonoma brevispatha var. *brevispatha*
Mauritia flexuosa
Syagrus campestris
Syagrus evansii (new species)
Syagrus flexuosa
Syagrus glaucescens
Syagrus macrocarpa
Syagrus mendanhensis
Syagrus pleioclada
Syagrus romanzoffiana
Syagrus oleracea
Syagrus 2706-RT (new species)
Syagrus 6537-HL (new species)

At the end of the second day in the field trip, with an overnight stop in the historical city of Diamantina (named after the diamond exploitation age in the region in the 18th century), we return back to Belo Horizonte for the third overnight rest of the tour.

In the morning of day four, we go back to the airport for another 50-minute jet flight trip to Campinas (state of São Paulo) to visit the Jardim Botânico Plantarum (Harri Lorenzi's garden) – the final attraction of this tour and about 30 minutes from the Campinas airport and 1.5 hours from the city of São Paulo..

There, in a 10 ha (25 acre) garden, you will see one of the largest collections of Brazilian plants, including palms, with probably all 305 native species present – all cultivated in a

carefully maintained landscape with a well designed identification plate system. In addition to the endemic Brazilian palms, there is a large collection of exotic palms. After a break for lunch in a “churrascaria” (a typical southern Brazilian restaurant, based mainly on meats prepared in many different ways, where you may eat as much as you want for one price), we return to the garden for the final visit.

Participants on the tour are encouraged to leave for their home countries from São Paulo, where there are many more flight departure options than from Rio. For those who wish to depart to their countries from São Paulo, the tour bus will take you directly to São Paulo on Tuesday afternoon (April 27th) after the end of the tour. [Note that the tour does not include return of participants to Rio.]

Rates:

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (4-Star Hotel): US\$ 500.00

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON SINGLE OCCUPANCY (4-Star Hotel): US\$ 600.00.

- Payment of 50% upon reservation + 50% at the first day of the Biennial Meeting.
- Confirmed reservations received after January 31st, 2010, will be subject to a 15% increase on the above rates.

Package at above rates includes:

- Three (3) nights accommodation in a standard room in 4-Star Hotels in Belo Horizonte and Diamantina with breakfast
- Bus transportation for all tours, including transfer from Jardim Botânico Plantarum to the International Airport of São Paulo. See note below!

Airport transfer from São Paulo International Airport to Rio de Janeiro (international airport or city) is NOT included in the tour price.

- Air ticket from Rio de Janeiro to Belo Horizonte and from Belo Horizonte to Campinas.
- Lunch at “Churrascaria” in the town of Nova Odessa in São Paulo state (drinks, beverages and deserts are not included.)
- Admission ticket to Inhotim and Jardim Botânico Plantarum.

Remarks:

- Comfortable clothes, sunscreen protection, insect repellent, walking shoes, hat and camera are recommended
- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities are not included
- Average price for a meal (lunch or dinner, exclusive of alcoholic beverages) in a good restaurant – US \$25.00
- Maximum participation – 40 persons
- Payment of 50% upon reservation + 50% at the first day of the Biennial Meeting
- For questions regarding the palms and the region to be visited, contact hlorenzi@plantarum.com.br

For reservations or to obtain further information on this tour, contact:

Vipitur Turismo

Rua Saldanha Marinho 1277

13416-257 Piracicaba, São Paulo,
Brazil

Telephone (Main): +55 55 19 34171212

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Website: [http:// www.plantarum.org.br/
jdbotanico/index.php?option=com
content&view=article&id=92&catid
=29](http://www.plantarum.org.br/jdbotanico/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92&catid=29)

E-mail: bete@vipitur.com.br or

Hotmail: bgarbex@hotmail.com or

SKYPE: *betearbex*

OTHER POTENTIAL SIDE TRIPS

Although there are no IPS-sponsorships for the following destinations, these are interesting as side tours that Biennial participants may examine as possible additional Pre-Biennial or Post-Biennial destinations.

- Iguaçu Falls: The Rio Iguaçu arises in the coastal mountains of Paraná and Santa Catarina and snakes west for 370 miles (600km) before it widens majestically and sweeps around a magnificent jungle stage, plunging and crashing in tiered falls at the border with Argentina and Paraguay.

- Buzios Peninsula: Once the preserve of pirates and slave traders, the peninsula of Buzios, 105 miles (169 km) north east of Rio, is today the haunt of the rich and famous who flock to the city (once a fishing village) to enjoy the 20 or so beaches in the vicinity. The peninsula is a sophisticated beach resort with a very active nightlife and fine restaurants. See the area's website www.buziosonline.com.br.
- Petrópolis is another favorite getaway for Rio de Janeiro residents. With cooler weather, historic buildings, plenty of ecotourism and adventure opportunities, and charming hotels, Petrópolis is the closest mountain resort around Rio. Sightseeing here is convenient as many of the city's attractions are in the historic downtown area. Surrounding districts abound in natural beauty and charming inns. Petrópolis houses the Museum Imperial, built between 1845 and 1862 as the summer residence of Emperor Pedro II. Some of the most important objects in Brazilian history are housed in Museum Imperial, including the gold quill used by Princess Izabel to sign Lei Áurea, the law which liberated slaves in Brazil in 1888.

Visits to these destinations can be arranged at extra cost through any reputable tour guide in Rio.

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BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FORM

IPS 2010 BIENNIAL -- Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES CLEARLY, AND MAIL OR FAX WITH PAYMENT TO ADDRESS AT BOTTOM OF NEXT PAGE; REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE WHEN LIMITS ARE MET; FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS FEBRUARY 10, 2010.

COMPLETE NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY _____ TELEPHONE _____

FAX (if available) _____ E-MAIL _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE(S) _____

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2010 BIENNIAL AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY:

_____ PERSON(S) [give accompanying number here, with name(s) also provided below.]

NAME(S) OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S) IS/ARE _____

REGISTRATION AMOUNT (in US Dollars):

- BIENNIAL Registration per person for double occupancy
RECEIVED by December 15 is US\$1450.00. _____
- Registration per person for single occupancy
RECEIVED by December 15 is US\$2070.00 _____
- Rate per person for double occupancy RECEIVED
December 16 through March 15 is US\$1600.00 _____
- Rate per person for single occupancy RECEIVED
December 16 through March 15 is US\$2220.00 _____
- Additional one night hotel room for Friday night, April 16th,
[Reserved for IPS Directors arriving early] at US\$175.00. _____
This rate will be maintained until the 24 reserved rooms for this night have been filled by IPS
Directors. This rate is for the **room** at either double occupancy or single occupancy and includes
10% service charge and 5% city taxes. _____

TOTAL OF ABOVE (amount paid / to be billed to credit card) _____

Do not include payments for dues, books, etc. with registration fees; make them separately.

IPS membership is required prior to registration.

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF AMOUNT ABOVE (CHECK ONE AND COMPLETE):

_____ I have enclosed a personal check* or cashiers check or money order (international money order outside the US) in US Dollars made payable to **The International Palm Society** for the total amount indicated above on this IPS Biennial Registration Form and have completed this form in its entirety.

(*Notice: Checks / International Bank Drafts must be payable in US Dollars and drawn on a US Bank)

(OR)

_____ I wish to charge the total amount indicated above, payable to **The International Palm Society**,
to my: (check selection) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card Holder's Name as it appears on the Card (exactly) _____

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date _____ / _____ Validation Code (3 digits on the back of the credit card): _____

Card Holder's Signature _____

(continued on reverse side. If faxed, please send both front and back sections, completed.)

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

EACH ATTENDEE MUST INDIVIDUALLY SIGN THIS FORM.

I (we) am aware that during the 2010 IPS Biennial Tour and its excursions in which I am participating under the arrangements of the *International Palm Society* and/or the New York Botanical Gardens and/or Turismo TOP and/or Vipitour Turismo and their agents or associates, certain risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in mountainous or jungle or river areas, accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities, the forces of nature and travel by air, boat, automobile, or other conveyance. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in such trips or other activities, services and food arranged for me by the IPS and all persons connected thereof, I have and do hereby assume all of the above risks and will hold them harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which I now have or which may arise of or in connection with my trip or participation in any other activities arranged for me by the entities named above. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, executors, and administrators and for all members of my family including any minors accompanying me. I have read and agree to the above conditions and release of liability and assumption of risk.

SIGNATURE(S): _____ / _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE(S): _____ / _____ DATE _____

[Did ALL Biennial Participants sign above. IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO BEFORE SUBMITTING.]

PLEASE CHECK IF APPLICABLE: I have a

☐ handicap condition ☐ special dietary ☐ other special needs that may/will need attention.

Please describe: _____

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE **REFUND POLICY** STATED IN THIS SUPPLEMENT.

The Refund Policy as written will strictly apply.

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOMMATE SELECTION: Unless requested otherwise, random pairing of roommates will occur with double occupancy with same sex selection and attempts to match non-smokers with other non-smokers. If you wish, please request rooming preference below:

I WISH TO SHARE A DOUBLE ROOM WITH (other Attendee name) _____

I AM A ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker

LANGUAGE GROUPING PREFERENCE (for bus tours, etc): If you would like to be placed on a bus with those fluent in a specific language, please specify your preferred language in the space below. No entry is required for English. _____

MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

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12418 Stafford Springs Drive
Houston, TX 77077-3910 USA
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Tel: +1 (832) 215-5551
Fax: +1 (281) 556-1084

I understand that information packets will be forwarded to attendees after February 15, 2010.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to obtain any required Brazilian Visas, as well as my own health and accident or other insurance needed for these events.

IF FAXED, BE SURE TO FAX BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM! BOTH SIDES ARE REQUIRED!