

XII International Aroid Conference

Cali, Colombia: July 6–10, 2017

First Circular and Call for Registration

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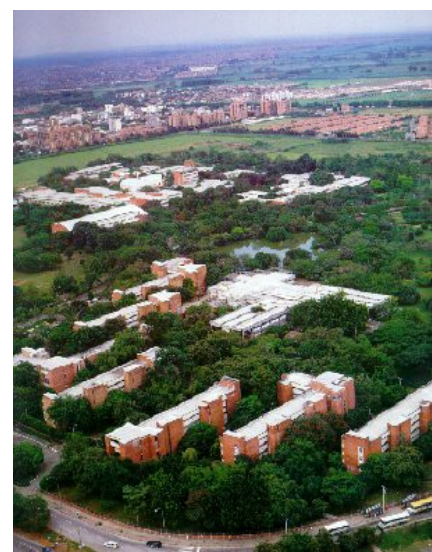
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This communication is intended to inform the International Aroid Community about this upcoming conference, to call for registrants and to inform you about the categories of oral presentations which we will have at the conference. We encourage you to get your best research presentations ready whether these are oral presentations or poster presentations and plan to attend the XII International Aroid Conference in Cali, Colombia. The topics of the oral presentations are presented here. Poster presentations will be on display during the entire conference which will allow maximum viewing opportunities. We expect that there will be no limits on the number of poster presentations. Our next circular will provide details about our Conference Website which will allow on-line registration and which will allow payment of registration fees and optional matters like banquet tickets and field trips, the availability of housing, the availability of meals both for lunch time and for dinner as well as a map of the region and a bus map with local schedules. In addition in the next circular we will provide costs of registration, the closing banquet and for the field trips.

The XII International Aroid Conference will take place at the Campus of the Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia. Cali is a metropolitan area of approximately 2.5 million people. It is located in southwestern Colombia, in the Valley of the Cauca River, between the Western and Central Cordilleras. Cali is the capital of the Department of Valle del Cauca which is one of the most diverse areas of Colombia with ecosystems ranging from the endangered Dry Tropical Forest to mega diverse Tropical Rainforest, including the Choco Biogeographic region, one of the most diverse regions in the world. The city is located 458 km from the capital (Bogotá) and it is served by an international airport (Alfonso Bonilla Aragon) located 17 km from the city in the town of Palmira. Cali is known as the world capital of the salsa and Colombia was rated second in the list of top countries to visit in 2017 by Lonely Planet.



Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

July 6, 2017

9:00 AM Opening Remarks, Welcome: Alejandro Zuluaga

9:10 AM: Welcome: Maria Camila Pizano: Universidad ICESI

9:15 AM: Welcome: Universidad del Valle Official

9:20 AM: Plenary Session: Moderator Maria Camila Pizano
A Review of the Studies with Araceae: Taxonomy and Ecology
Thomas B. Croat, Missouri Botanical Garden

10:15 AM: Coffee Break

10:30 AM–12:00 PM: ARACEAE EVOLUTION

1:30 PM–5:00 PM: ECOLOGY AND POLLINATION: Moderator: Marc Gibernau

5:15–7:00 PM: Dinner

Evening Lecture: To Be Announced

July 7

8:30 AM Coffee and early morning Mixer

9:00 AM–12:00 PM: MOLECULAR SYSTEMATICS:
Moderator: Monica Carlsen

**1:30 PM–5:00 PM: REVISIONARY AND
MORPHOLOGICAL STUDIES – SECTION
TWO**

July 8

8:30 AM: Coffee and early morning Mixer

9:00 AM–12:00 PM: FLORISTIC STUDIES

1:30 PM–5:00 PM: HORTICULTURE: Moderator: Thomas Croat

6:30–9:30 PM: International Aroid Conference Banquet and Awards Ceremony:
H.W. Schott Award for Excellence in Aroid Research; Bette Waterbury Award for Excellence in Aroid Horticulture; Award for Best Poster Presentation; Award for Best Oral Presentation.

July 9–10 : Field Trips:

There are two field trips being planned. Details will be presented in the 2nd Circular.

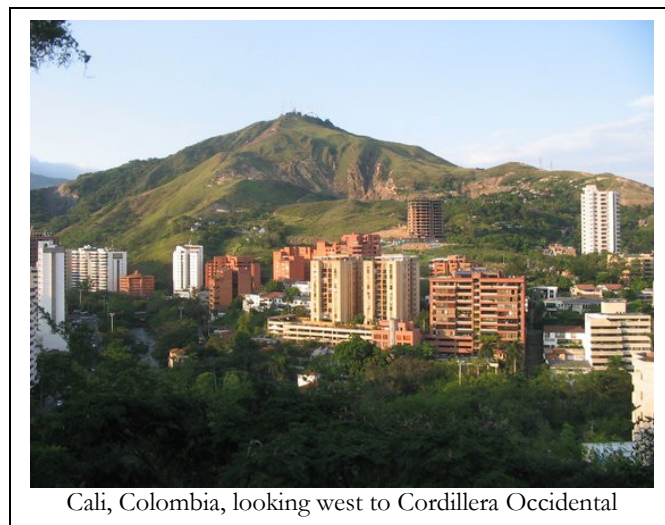
- 1) To visit the Parque Nacional de los Farallones above Cali.
- 2) To visit the western slopes of the Cordillera Occidental west of Cali. This trip requires two days to visit the area.



CUVC Herbarium, Universidad del Valle, Cali



Inside the CUVC Herbarium



Cali, Colombia, looking west to Cordillera Occidental