



**3rd CONFERENCE OF CARIBBEAN BOTANIC GARDENS
FOR CONSERVATION (CBGC)
«CONSERVING THE CARIBBEAN TOGETHER»
SECOND and LAST ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Cuban National Botanic Garden is pleased to announce to the Caribbean community of botanic gardens and related institutions, the celebration of the Third Conference of Botanic Gardens for Conservation (CBGC) that will take place from the 24 to 28 of March, 2008, forming part of the commemorative activities for the XL anniversary of this institution.

The meeting will be held at the conference halls of the Cuban National Botanic Garden, under the auspices of:

- o Botanic Garden Conservation International (BGCI)
- o Latin American and Caribbean Association of Botanic Gardens (ALCJB)
- o Cuban Network of Botanic Gardens
- o Atlantic Botanic Garden of Gijon, Spain
- o University of La Habana

Preliminary Programme:

March 24

9:00-11:00. Official celebration of XL Anniversary of Cuban National Botanic Garden.

11:00-13:00 Accreditation.

14:00-16:30 Opening conferences.

March 25

Oral presentations

9:00-13:00 Conserving the Caribbean plant diversity: experiences and challenges.

Themes:

- Botanic gardens and the practice of conservation.
- Horticulture and gardening using cultivated threatened plants.
- Restitution in nature of ex situ-cultivated threatened plants.
- Contribution of Botanic Garden to monitoring and control of invasive species.

14:00-16:30

Themes:

- Achieving the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2010 targets for the Caribbean gardens.

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- The International Agenda of Botanic Gardens in Conservation as a framework for actions.
- Natural disasters and emergencies in Botanic Gardens as a result of Climatic Change: the mitigating actions.

March 26:
Oral presentations

9:00-13:00 Promoting education for conservation and sustainable development.

Themes:

- Botanic Gardens and professional training in conservation.
- Ecotourism and Botanic Gardens.
- Environmental education to the public.
- Botanic Gardens and community education.
- Sustainable use of plants for human well-being.

14:00-16:30 Promoting the communication between Botanic Gardens.

Themes:

- The national and regional networks in the Caribbean.
- Databases and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) in the management of information on threatened plants.

Evening: Cultural activity in La Habana old city.

March 27:

9:00-11:00 Poster presentations*

*The posters can be mounted since the first day; on the 27th, the authors should be in the poster's room between 9:00 and 11:00 h, in order to answer possible questions.

9:00-11:00 Meeting of the Steering Committee of CBGC.

11:30-12:30 Concluding remarks and recommendations. Date and place of next Conference.

March 28

Field trip to natural areas of interest.

Languages of the Conference will be both Spanish and English, without translation, so every participant is asked to speak clearly and slowly.

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Presentation forms:

Contributions will be presented as oral communications of 15 minutes, or in posters. The abstracts will have up to 250 words including title, authors and institutions, and should be sent before the 15 of January. Written presentations will be electronically published. The papers will have up to 2000 words, and must be presented before the 15 of February, 2008.

Costs of the Conference:

The registration fee is \$250 CUC (Cuban currency) and it includes:

- Access to all activities of the conference programme.
- Lunches at the “Ranchón” restaurant in the Garden.
- Field trip to natural areas of western Cuba.
- Bus transportation between hotels and Botanic Garden.
- Conference documents and digital copy of submitted papers.

The registration fee should be paid at the registration moment.

Note: 1 USD = 0.80 CUC

Accommodation

Travel Agency CUBANACÁN is pleased to offer:

Hotels	Single Room (1 Pax)	Double Room (2 pax)
Vedado ***	53.00	42.00
Riviera ****	81.00	55.00
Nacional *****	121.00	89.00

Accommodation till the 23th of March will have an additional cost because of Holly Week prices, according to the following:

Hotels	
Vedado ***	13.00 CUC × pax
Riviera ****	17.00 CUC × pax
Nacional *****	13.00 CUC × pax

Prices are expressed in Cuban currency per pax per night.

These prices include:

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Accommodation and the selected regimen (C.P.: accommodation and breakfast)

Transfer IN from Havana airport «José Martí» to the hotel.

Transfer OUT from the hotel to Havana airport «José Martí»

In order to make your reservation, please indicate:

Full name of the persons to be accommodated:

Nationality:

Selected hotel and kind of room (double or single)

Date of arrival to Cuba, airline, flight number and arriving time.

Date of leaving, airline, flight number and departure time.

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- Travels Agency CUBANANACÁN, Lic Marta María López Velaz, Especialista Comercial, TEL: (537) 2045009: 2044879, ext. 223.

For a better planning of your trip, an invitation letter is included



La Habana, 2nd of November, 2007

Dear colleague:

It is a great honour to invite you as a Delegate to the 3rd Conference of Caribbean Botanic Gardens for Conservation that will be held in the National Botanic Garden of Cuba, from 24 to 28 of March of 2008.

We are sure that your participation and experience in conservation actions will highly contribute to the aims of the Conference.

For any information, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

Cordially,



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President of the Organizing Committee

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