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Lecture by Jorge Gutiérrez

December 10, 2015 | 1:30 pm | Modesto A. Maidique Campus | LACC Conference Room (DM 353)

The National Botanic Garden of Cuba is located in the southern outskirts of Havana. The Garden was started in 1968 and opened to the public in 1984. Part of the University of Havana, this institution plays an important role in the study and conservation of Cuban plant biodiversity. Cuba has the richest flora of the West Indies, and since 1975 the botanical garden has been leading a project to revise and update the previous study of flora, produced by León and Alain between 1946 and 1969. This flora project has been undertaken in close collaboration with two German universities, and the first results were published in 1992. Up to now 20 fascicles (90 families) have been issued. This figure represents approximately one-third of the Island's taxonomic diversity. The project has been a catalyst for the professional development of Cuban botanists and has provided educational, research, and conservation opportunities for participants from Cuba and other countries.

Dr. Jorge Gutiérrez is the Main Curator of the Prof. Dr. Johannes Bisse Herbarium in Havana, Cuba. He is also a professor in the Department of Plant Biology at the University of Havana. He holds a Ph.D. and a B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of Havana. He has published a book and over 40 research papers in national and international peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Gutiérrez has led over 10 national and international research projects linked to the flora and vegetation of Cuba and other Caribbean countries.

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