

Dear Friends & Colleagues

This is to inform you that the First International Scientific Conference on Orchids started today in Machu Picchu and will end on February 28th.

It is held in the Machu Picchu's National Culture Institute with a very active participation of Inkaterra and Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, in particular. The Subject is "Conservation of Orchids in the Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary"

It's a transcendental event with breaking news on Peru and Machu Picchu which will go around the world:

- Machu Picchu is a world showcase center for Conservation.
- Machu Picchu is recognized as a Global Scientific Center.
- Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel is considered as a Botanical Garden.
- It's the first meeting which gathers National and International specialists on orchids.
- The National & International public and private sectors work together on in-situ conservation of native orchids.
- Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel is considered as a model native garden replicable worldwide for in-situ reproduction.
- It's the reunion of national and international human culture with nature, with a long term vision.
- Inkaterra's private initiative for scientific investigation and research with the participation of the local population and financed by the eco-touristy activity is emphasized.
- Environmental education is in action through watercolor classes directed by renowned American artist, Angela Mirro.
- The International scientific community enhances Inkaterra's work and achievements.

Exponents:

- Machu Picchu is a world showcase center for Conservation.
- Gunther Gerlack, from Germany.
- Eric Hagsater, from Mexico.
- Franco Populin, from Costa Rica.
- Alan Carremans, from Costa Rica.
- Melania Fernandez, from Costa Rica.
- Robert Dresler, from Costa Rica.
- Angela Mirro, from the United States of America.
- Robert Pemberton, from the Museum of National History of Florida.
- Erick Hagsater, from Mexico.
- Percy Nuñez, Specialist in botanic from the Universidad San Antonio Abad from Cusco, Peru.
- Jorge Ugaz, General Manager of Forestry and Wildlife from the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Miriam Cerdán, General Manager of Biodiversity - MINAM.
- Ada Castillo, Manager of the Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary - SERNANP.
- Rody Romero, Technical in administration of Forestry and Wildlife, Agricultural Region of Cusco.
- Elsa Rengifo, Research Institute of the Peruvian Amazon.
- Benjamín Collantes, Scientific Counselor specialized in orchids.
- Ricardo Fernandez, Curator of the University Major of San Marcos Herbarium Museum.
- Nafda Savarain, Yonny Caballero y Jose Deza - PROMPERU.
- Alfredo Manrique, Peruvian Orchid Club.
- Medalit Medina y Claudia Gutierrez – Peruvian Orchid Club.
- Jans Huayca y Marco Pastor - SERNANP.
- Nilton Díaz, El Mapi & our resident biologist from Inkaterra Asociación (ITA), Sra. Carmen Soto.

Traductions:

- Mariela Bernasconi & Ronald de la Vega.

Media:

- Alberto Orbegoso – Graphic reporter and cameraman from oficial daily newspaper: El Peruano & from Agencia Andina.
- Tania Mellado – Peruvian representative of the Japanese News Agency, Kyodo.
- Susana Mendoza – Editor-in-chief of the oficial daily newspaper: El Peruano and the Agencia Andina.
- Carlos Chuquin - Head of Media and Image of the National Chamber of Tourism – CANATUR.



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