



John Gifford Arboretum presents:

Mother Nature III: Past, present and the future of species interactions

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL

March 21st - 2020 (Saturday)

Room 126 – Cox Science Center

9:00-9:30 h Coffee & Cookies

9:30 – 10:00 h - Pedro Jordano (Estación Biologica de Doñana, Spain) - *Paleonetworks and the mutualistic ecological services of extinct megafauna*

10:00-10:30 – Dennis Hansen (Zoological Museum of the University of Zurich, Switzerland) - *Returning giant tortoises to the Caribbean: island megafaunal rewilding lessons from the Indian Ocean*

10:30 – 11:00 h – Luisa Genes (Stanford University, USA) – *Rewilding the Atlantic forest to restore lost interactions in Atlantic forest fragments*

11:00 – 11:30 h - Suzanne Koptur (Florida International University, USA) - *Plants and biotic protectors – native and exotic species in natural and human-modified environments*

11:30 – 12:00 h - Tomas Carlo (Penn State University, USA) – **Birds accelerate restoration in Puerto Rico**

12:00 – 12:30 h – Patrick Griffith (Montgomery Botanical Center, USA) – *Conservation of Caribbean Palms, on the landscape and in the garden.*

12:30 – 14:00 h – Break for Lunch [Lunch will not be provided]*

14:00 -14:30 – Maria Luisa Jorge (Vanderbilt University, USA) – *Ecological services provided by white lipped peccaries in a fragmented landscape*

14:30 – 15:00 h – Cynthia Silveira (University of Miami, USA) – *A view from the sea: Global microbialization of coral reefs*

15:00-15:30 h – Mauro Galetti (University of Miami, USA) – *The effects of terrestrial defaunation on plants and microbes*

*Potential places nearby for Lunch: The Lime, Subway (Food Court)

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