The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Bocas Research Station presents:

A SHORT-COURSE IN

TAXONOMY AND ECOLOGY OF CARIBBEAN SPONGES

**Dates:** August 18 - September 1, 2007

**Location:** Bocas Research Station, Bocas del Toro, Panama

**Registration Fee:** $600 (includes room and board, STRI registration fee, etc.)

Some fellowships are available.

**Instructors:** Dr. Cristina Diaz, Smithsonian Institution

Dr. Robert Thacker, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**Application:** This course is directed towards graduate students and advanced Licenciado candidates and will be conducted in English. Please e-mail your CV, 1 letter of recommendation, and a 1-2 page statement explaining your background and reasons for taking the course, to Rachel Collin at CollinR@si.edu before May 1, 2007. Limit 12 students. For more information see http://striweb.si.edu/taxonomy_training/