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**--- 1st circular to FORUM HERBULOT 2010 ---
Announcement and information**

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Preparations are well under way for the next **Forum Herbulot** on
The Geometridae of the Western Hemisphere: current knowledge and problems waiting to be addressed
to be held in **Gainesville**, Florida, U.S.A.

22-23 June 2010

with **post-conference collecting tour** (ca.) **24 - 27 June 2010** in Florida (or Costa Rica / Ecuador).

Preliminary program, estimated costs, and a list of hotels will be provided in the second circular ca September 2009. Detailed information on the post-conference tour (with estimated costs) will follow in the third circular, ca November 2009)

1. If you intend to participate, please, email your registration definitely by 31 January, 2010 (there is no special form for that) to Charlie Covell, covell@louisville.edu.

2. **IMPORTANT** Regularly we are planning a post-conference collecting tour to interesting habitats in Florida. We will try to organize collecting and export permits for the participants. Participants who wish to take part in the post-conference tour are kindly requested to make their reservation for that definitely via email until 31 January, 2010, too (to Charlie Covell, covell@louisville.edu).

If you desire, however, to do a post-conference collecting tour to Costa Rica or Ecuador, please contact us (Charlie Covell, covell@louisville.edu) as soon as possible (until 31. October 2009). If the number of participants will be large enough we will consider to organize that.

3. **IMPORTANT** Please start as soon as possible to apply for your visa. We had a lot of troubles in the last FH because of problems and delays in visa applications. The U.S.A. authorities may similarly be restrictive.

4. Participants who wish to present a seminar or talk should send their abstracts to Charlie Covell, covell@louisville.edu by 31 March, 2010. Please note that the above given title does not exclude presentations of any other kind or discipline. Exceptionally, non-geometridology presentations can be allowed, too, if they are of common interest.

Please, feel free to contact us, if you want more information about the forum or need assistance in any way.
(see also http://www.herbulot.de/Herbulot_Reg/for_herb.htm)

Looking forward very much to see you all in Gainesville, with best wishes

Munich, Gainesville, August 10th, 2009

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