

Molecular Microbial Ecology Workshop

Bangalore

25 July–30 July 2003

The Centre for Clean Environment Technology, Bangalore University and the Soil and Water Science Department, University of Florida, USA, will conduct a laboratory-based workshop on molecular approaches to characterize environmental microbial communities. This workshop is intended for students with little or no prior laboratory experience in molecular biology, but with a practical interest in applying these tools. Topics to be covered include:

- Isolation of DNA and RNA from environmental matrices
- Polymerase Chain Reaction and molecular cloning
- DNA fingerprinting
- DNA sequence analysis

Registration fee will be Rs 2,500 for participants from universities and Rs 7,000 for participants from industries. Accommodation will be arranged on request at a nominal rate on the campus of Bangalore University. Space is limited to 15 students who will be selected on the basis of potential impact. Faculty, students, and participants from industry are invited to apply. Participants will be awarded certificate from University of Florida and Bangalore University upon completion of course.

To apply, send a current curriculum vitae and letter of interest (including how the information learned in the workshop will enhance your research projects and training, and/or your relationship with research projects that will be enhanced by your participation, and names and addresses of three references) to Dr. Andrew Ogram via e-mail (Biodiversity@mail.ifas.ufl.edu) or fax (+001-352-392-3902) by **15 April 2003**. Participants will be notified of acceptance by 1 May 2003.

For more information, visit the course website at

<http://molecol.ifas.ufl.edu/Workshop.htm> or e-mail: Biodiversity@mail.ifas.ufl.edu