

## CALL for PROPOSALS

The Canadian Institute for Ecology and Evolution/Institut canadien d'écologie et d'évolution seeks proposals for Thematic Programs and a Graduate Mini-Course to be staged during 2011 and early 2012.

### **About the CIEE/ICEE:**

The CIEE/ICEE is a consortium of Canadian universities that supports the synthesis and advanced analysis of information from Ecology, Evolution, and their cognate disciplines, to create knowledge and to inform societal decisions. The Institute pursues these goals through thematic programs (working groups), and graduate level mini-courses.

### **General Information:**

*Thematic Program* proposals should outline a plan to a) address significant questions in ecology and evolution through synthesis of existing data; b) develop novel theory; OR, c) assemble new recommendations for policy/practice based on sound, unbiased scientific data. Programs should involve of 10 to 20 participants. Programs may that involve multiple sessions are possible; contact the CIEE/ICEE Director for more information. To serve the CIEE/ICEE mission for training of HQP, two or more of the program participants should be graduate students or postdoctoral fellows.

*Graduate Mini-Course* proposals should outline a week-long course to provide training and instruction in ecology or evolution of a type and intensity not normally available within academic departments. For instance, such courses may provide hands-on training in a specific technique or analytical method. Alternatively, they can take an interdisciplinary approach to an important topic by mixing students and instructors from distinctly different fields of study. Enrollment will be limited to 20 and instruction can be offered in either official language. Priority enrollment will be given to students from member universities.

Program applicant(s) will define the project or course scope, schedule meeting dates with the CIEE/ICEE director, prepare a budget, and submit a final report to the CIEE/ICEE. For the Thematic Program, they will also oversee prompt publication of project results.

The CIEE/ICEE will provide administrative support and travel expenses. Default location for these programs is CIEE/ICEE headquarters at the Koffler Scientific Reserve (KSR). Meeting rooms and housing are located on site. KSR is 50 km north of Toronto and is a 40-minute drive from Toronto Pearson International Airport. Meeting sites at member institutions are also possible.

*Proposals from other institutes and organizations for co-sponsorship of Thematic Programs and graduate courses are encouraged.*

### **Application Procedures:**

Proposals can be submitted in either official language and should be comprised of the following:

1. A cover page including the project title, name and complete contact information for the organizer(s), and a 150 word project summary, suitable for public circulation.
2. A one-page, single spaced narrative that includes: an introduction to the project goals; description of the activities, and as appropriate, the source of the data to be synthesized and methods of analysis; IT needs; expected outcome(s); importance to Canada.
3. A list of participants or instructors, with a brief summary of their expertise. Indicate which individuals have committed to the project and which are potential participants.
4. A budget for transportation (including air and ground transport), and in the case of Mini-courses, instructional costs and stipends.
5. A copy of NSERC Form 100 or a CV for the organizer(s).

Proposals can be submitted at any time, but the review process will begin on by **26 July 2011** to: [arthur.weis@utoronto.ca](mailto:arthur.weis@utoronto.ca).

### **Suggestions:**

Proposals should be clear and concise about project goals, procedures and anticipated outcomes. The CIEE/ICEE is a national organization; organizers should aim for geographic diversity and gender balance among the participants. Foreign participation is encouraged.

*Applicants are encouraged to contact the CIEE/ICEE director, Art Weis, with any questions, including those on content, budget and facilities.*