

South America Environment, Science & Technology, and Health Newsletter

Edition # 40. Also attached is a calendar of up-coming ESTH events across Latin America. The information contained was gathered from news sources from across the region, and the views expressed below do not necessarily reflect those of the Regional Environmental HUB Office or of our constituent posts. Addressees interested in sharing any ESTH-related events of USG interest are welcome to do so.

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Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network Awarded GEF Grant

JUNE 29, 2004 - IABIN was awarded a \$6-million Global Environment Facility (GEF) grant on June 29 towards the \$35-million, 5-year implementation project. Co-financing of \$29 million has been identified from 76 regional or national institutions and programs. Funds will support the development of six Thematic Networks. I3N is the only Thematic Networks already established. The OAS is currently recruiting key personnel for the IABIN Secretariat, which is expected to be staffed and operational by late 2004. Information on IABIN, Secretariat positions, and the GEF IABIN Implementation Plan can be found at <http://www.iabin.net>.

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