

ISTF-CVP Activities

There are a variety of activities carried out or promoted by the Country Vice Presidents (CVPs) of ISTF. No one does all of them, but they are done according to the needs of each country membership and according to the talents and inclinations of each CVP. Examples include:

- recruitment of new ISTF members
- establishment of new ISTF Chapters (often at a university)
- conducting a workshop or conference on an appropriate topic, sponsored or co-sponsored by ISTF. See, for example, the website of the Yale Chapter of ISTF (<http://www.yale.edu/istf>) which describes their most recent conference.
- submission of brief articles for publication in ISTF News/Noticias—perhaps up to 600 words.
- facilitate payment of dues, in those nations where dealing with foreign currency can be a problem. For example, if the CVP (or another member) has a VISA Card, all members can pay that person their dues in local currency (or US\$), and the cardholder can submit payment by fax using the credit card.
- etc.

Unfortunately, ISTF is not able to offer financial backing for any of these, as our budget barely covers the production of newsletters. However, we find that there may be other organizations willing to assist if the costs are kept to a minimum. Each country has its own group of organizations eager to cooperate. Finding and contacting these is another of the activities carried out by the CVP, or someone designated by the CVP.

ISTF thanks all of our CVPs for the valuable services they perform in the interest of the tropical forests and our interaction with them.

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