



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SOLITARY BEES AND THEIR ROLE IN POLLINATION

26 – 29 April, 2004 – Ceará - Brazil

Invitation

Dear Colleague,

It is a great pleasure for us to invite you for the **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SOLITARY BEES AND THEIR ROLE IN POLLINATION**, which will be held from Monday 26 to Thursday 29 April 2004, in the state of Ceará, Brazil.

The Workshop is promoted by the Brazilian Pollinators Initiative and organized by the Universidade Federal do Ceará, with the support of the Brazilian Ministry of Environment and the Brazilian Council for Scientific and Technological Development - CNPq.

The purpose of the Workshop is to update knowledge on solitary bees, especially their use for crop pollination. Subjects such as rearing, building-up population techniques, standardized methodologies, losses of species diversity, population declining & management practices, assessment of the economic value of their pollination services and the economic impact of the decline of pollination services will be covered and discussed. We trust that the broad spectrum of expertise we will have at the Workshop will make it a learning experience for all participants.

We look forward to meeting you next April in Brazil.

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Organizing Committee