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Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center

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Introduction

Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center (formerly the International Center for Tropical Ecology)

Whitney R. Harris is a founding member of the Development Board of the International Center for Tropical Ecology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and through a generous gift in 2006, the Center was renamed the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center. Whitney Harris, since his involvement with the Nuremberg Trials in 1946, has strived to promote peace and harmony among all peoples. In doing this he has recognized the importance of the global environment in human well-being and has promoted conservation of the natural world through public education. His generosity and vision in establishing the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center will encourage conservation of tropical and temperate ecosystems and will support the Center's mission in educating the next generation of ecologists at a time when the conservation and the wise use of natural resources is of paramount importance.

From Peter Stevens (Director) and Patrick L.Osborne, (Executive Director)

The Center, established in 1990, has become, through its partnerships with the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Saint Louis Zoo, the premier institution for graduate studies in ecology and biodiversity conservation. Faculty at the University of Missouri-St. Louis collaborate with research faculty in the Herbarium and the Center for Conservation and Sustainable Development at the Missouri Botanical Garden and with conservation biologists and veterinarians in the Wildcare Institute at the Saint Louis Zoo. This institutional collaboration has been fostered by the generosity of the E. Desmond Lee and Family Fund through the creation of the E. Desmond Lee and Family Fund Chairs in Botanical and Zoological Studies.

From Peter H. Raven, President, Missouri Botanical Garden

The Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center, which was initiated by the University of Missouri-St. Louis in cooperation with the Missouri Botanical Garden almost 20 years ago, has grown into one of the world's preeminent centers for education and research in tropical biology. Its activities remain critically important for us all as we strive for international peace and harmony through the proper management of the world's biological resources. The Missouri Botanical Garden is proud of what our cooperative efforts have accomplished, and will continue to support the University strongly in the future development of the Center. As an institution with a history of nearly 150 years in pursuit of such aims, we are delighted with the opportunities for enhanced synergy in achieving them over the years to come.

Missouri Botanical Garden

From Jeffery P. Bonner, President, Saint Louis Zoo

The Saint Louis Zoo is proud to be a partner with the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center and its important work. We believe that a remarkable synergy has resulted from our joint efforts in tropical biology and conservation, with bright prospects for the future as our field programs continue to grow. In this time of increasing environmental risks, the Saint Louis Zoo believes that the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center will continue to play a vital role in studying and understanding our planet's diversity, and in ensuring trained professionals in many of the world's most biologically important countries.

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