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Subject: PABIODIV: Biodiversity Informatics Meeting

In March 2003, the National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) of USGS and NFAIS will be jointly hosting "MetaDiversity III: Global Access for Biodiversity Through Integrated Systems" in the city of Philadelphia, PA.

This working meeting is expected to build on the findings from the MetaDiversity II meeting held in June 2001, which focused on identifying information needs of users in the biodiversity community (see <http://www.nfaais.org/MetaDiversity2.asp>). The MetaDiversity III meeting will focus on the actual technologies and processes required for integrating multiple information resources into a fully interoperable network for researchers.

The specific dates are March 31- April 1, 2003 and the venue for the event is the Doubletree Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Further details regarding the program, speakers and associated fees can be found at: <http://www.nfaais.org/EventDetails.asp?EventID=12>.

A room block has been reserved for the attendees of the conference at the Doubletree Hotel, Philadelphia, PA at an attractive rate of \$119.00 per night. To make reservations, call 1-800-222-8733 or contact the Doubletree directly at 215-893-1600. Please specify that you are part of the NFAIS meeting when you make your reservation.

This meeting is being held under Cooperative Agreement 02HQAGO111 between the U.S. Geological Survey & NFAIS.

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NOTE: This meeting was originally scheduled for last year.

The Pennsylvania Biodiversity Listserve encourages open discussion about biodiversity issues in the state. It is hosted by the Allegheny Institute of Natural History, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford and is moderated by the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership. The opinions expressed in messages are those of the authors and NOT the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership.