



ISSF announces its 2024 LEADERSHIP EVENTS

“LEADERSHIP SERIES”

- **LIVE WEBINAR SESSIONS**

Up to five Administrators or Teachers from each school can join the three LIVE WEBINARS described below.

- Certificates will be given to those that attend the live sessions. These can be given to their school's Professional Development person.

- All ISSF schools that register below will be provided with a link to the recorded Webinars. These can be shared for 30 days after the live Webinars so that an **unlimited** number of persons from each school can view them.



ISSF LEADERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

The cost for the LEADERSHIP SERIES, is only \$175.00. Please complete the form below and send us your check for \$175.00 by **NO LATER than September 19, 2024.** (\$195.00 if paid on or after Sept. 20, 2024 - the cost for individual sessions is \$75 apiece)

SCHOOL NAME: _____

Name of School Representative: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Our school would like to participate in the 2024 ISSF Leadership Series

___ Attached is our check in the amount of \$175.00 -or- \$195.00 if paid on or after September 20, 2024.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

ISSF LEADERSHIP SERIES WEBINARS
Wednesday, Sept 25, 2024 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m
Dr. Christopher Baraloto

TOPIC: Tropical Botany, Conservation and Environmental Sustainability

Chris will present on findings in his work and research in the Amazon, West French Indies, and the Guiana Shield and his local work on urban landscape in Coconut Grove. This is a session that your Science teachers, and those who develop local partnerships between schools and local institutions will enjoy, as Chris will also talk about the research our teachers can participate in at the Center, and the research and projects our students can participate in at the Center.



Director |FIU International Center for Tropical Botany at the Kampong
Associate Professor | Biological Sciences

ABOUT OUR PRESENTER: Chris joined FIU in 2015 and currently serves as director of the International Center for Tropical Botany and FIU Tropics, an emergent preeminent program. He coordinates research, education and outreach activities between the university, local partners in tropical biology and conservation, and local schools. He also leads efforts to coordinate the use of living collections from local botanic gardens in academic research, and the transfer of research results for education and outreach programs.

His research focuses on tropical forest community ecology and conservation. Specifically, he works to understand the factors controlling plant species distributions, and the impacts of global change on forest structure and biodiversity. Chris works mostly in sites across the

“Our scientists are at the forefront of contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We monitor biodiversity in remote global landscapes, develop new natural products and sustainable production systems, and work to conserve threatened species and habitats.”

.—Christopher Baraloto,
Director of the Land and
Biodiversity Division

Amazon and Guiana Shield, though recent projects bring him South Florida, particularly, the urban landscape of Coconut Grove.



Committed to improving botanical knowledge, Chris is involved in outreach efforts that assist local peoples in southwestern Amazon with tree identification and forest inventory. In 2016, he joined the team teaching the Kampong’s Tropical Botany Course, which has graduated botanists from all over the world. Chris enjoys student training. Since 1998, he has led field projects in tropical forest ecology for the ENGREF French graduate school. He has participated in training programs for local conservation workers and forestry technicians at the University of the French West Indies (UA and UG). At FIU, he mentors graduate and undergraduate students interested in tropical plant conservation.

As a Coconut Grove resident, he leads FIU's partnerships with local organizations interested in environmental sustainability.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Tony Vincent, presents
"BREAKS FOR STUDENTS' BRAINS"

AUDIENCE: Teachers, Academic Innovation Personnel, Administrators

TOPIC: There are lots of reasons to give students brain breaks. Quick pauses in learning relieve stress, reduce cognitive overload, break up monotony, and strengthen social bonds. Short mental recesses allow students to reboot so they can refocus. Let's explore strategic intermissions that include interactive websites, satisfying videos, and zippy activities that bring about joy, connection, and curiosity.



ABOUT OUR PRESENTER: *Tony Vincent has been a pioneer in digital learning since 1998, having a classroom website before many classrooms even had internet access. In 2001 he had a one-to-one classroom with Palm Pilots and in 2005 started one of the first podcasts from an elementary school. He taught fifth grade for six year and was the school's technology coach for a couple more. In 2006, he became an educational consultant and has traveled almost every state, and to Canada, Australia, England and the Caribbean to facilitate workshops and to make presentations to K12 students and teachers. He is a true teacher's presenter. Tony is a prolific sharer, approachable, and consistently selects practical tools and strategies that can be implemented right away. To see what Tony shares online, click on over to learninginhand.com where you can explore his website and find his social media links.*

Wednesday, November 30, 2024 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
TBA

Names of Up to Five Registrants for Each Event:

“Tropical Botany, Conservation and Environmental Sustainability” – Dr. Christopher Baraloto – September 25

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“BREAKS FOR STUDENTS’ BRAINS” – Tony Vincent – Oct 30

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