

# ~ 2009 Annual General Meeting ~ Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST)

Meeting Room: Auditorium  
Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Basseterre, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Eastern Caribbean  
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## WIDECAST

Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network



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### INFORMATION LETTER

Hello everyone! I hope this letter finds you well! We are very excited that you will be coming to St. Kitts next week for the WIDECAST Annual General Meeting!! With this letter I would like to share with some important information regarding arrivals, taxi services, rooms, etc.

#### Airport Arrivals –

Passports: All visitors must travel with a valid passport or they will not be allowed to enter the country.

Customs: All visitors are subject to extensive search of their personal items. Please let them know you are attending a conference at the Veterinary School. Please do not bring camouflage clothing with you or wear it on your trip. It is illegal to wear camouflage unless you are a member of the St. Kitts military and so any such items will be confiscated in Customs.

#### Taxi Service:

If you have sent your travel itinerary to Karen Eckert or to Kimberly Stewart in advance, then a taxi service will be waiting for you! The price for this service will be US\$ 10 round trip and this will include your transport to the meeting site (Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, hereafter RUSVM) on your arrival day and your transport from RUSVM on your departure day. Please bring US\$ 5 for one-way payment when you arrive. Your driver will be holding a sign with the WIDECAST logo →



If you have not sent your itinerary in advance there are a number of taxi drivers at the airport and the price list is available in the arrival area directly outside of Customs. The listed price for a one-way trip to RUSVM is about US\$ 20. Please tell the driver that you are going to the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. This is very important as

we also have a Ross University School of Nursing and we do not want you to end up in the wrong location.

### **Ferry Arrivals –**

Again, if you have provided your itinerary either to Karen Eckert or to Kimberly Stewart beforehand, we will meet you at the Ferry. If not, take a taxi and tell the driver that you are going to the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. The ferry dock is directly beside the bus depot, so you could also take the bus to campus (see **Buses**, below).

### **Buses –**

RUSVM is located on the bus route and buses can be taken into town, to the grocery stores, etc. from RUSVM. Depending on your destination, the fare should run around 4EC.

### **Arrival on Campus –**

Our security gate will have a listing of your names and arrival days. Please be prepared to present a PHOTO IDENTIFICATION *OTHER THAN YOUR PASSPORT* for their use during your stay. They will hold your ID and present you with a campus visitor's pass for the duration of your stay. Your photo ID will be returned on departure day.

### **Registration –**

If you have sent your itinerary and are taking the scheduled taxi service, they will bring you directly to TEGREMAN HALL. There will be Meeting Volunteers awaiting you. Follow the turtles on the sidewalk and they will lead you to the Registration Room where you will collect a key to your room. (There is no registration fee for the WIDECAST meeting.)

### **Rooms –**

Your rooms will be “single efficiency” with a small kitchenette (refrigerator, sink, stove top, microwave, toaster oven and coffee maker), bathroom (shower, sink and toilet) and AC. There will be toilet paper and soap available but NO OTHER toiletries so please bring shampoo, conditioner, etc. as needed. The room will have linens – sheets and a towel set – and there are bed covers but no heavy blankets. If you are concerned that you will be cold, please bring a blanket with you. The cost is US\$ 32 per night (\$35 for a double); please have cash on hand.

### **Internet and Phone Service –**

A high-speed internet connection is wired in every room, but a cable is not provided so please bring your own cable. A phone is available in each room that allows for both Long Distance (VoIP) and on-campus calls. (There will also be wireless Internet available in the Meeting Room.)

### **Meeting Room (Auditorium) –**

The taxi driver will point out the Auditorium as you pass by on the way to the dorm. When leaving your dorm room each day for the meeting sessions, please follow the turtles on the sidewalk! They will lead you faithfully from the dorm to the Auditorium so that you won't get lost. Expect a five-minute walk to the Auditorium from the dorm.

### **Speakers –**

Please bring your oral presentation on a memory stick so that our IT staff can load it prior to your talk. We will have a computer and Power Point projector available. If your presentation requires a MAC format or other special options, contact either Kimberly Stewart [cturtlegirl@gmail.com](mailto:cturtlegirl@gmail.com) or Karen Eckert [keckert@widecast.org](mailto:keckert@widecast.org) immediately. As noted above, Internet is available in the Meeting Room. The Meeting is tightly scheduled, as always! There is so much to say, learn and

share. Please review the Agenda closely and practice your talk before-hand, ensuring that your timing is **right on!!** If you run over your time, you put later speakers in the unfair position of not having enough time for their presentation.

**Meals –**

Delicious meals, including vegetarian options, will be catered by a professional local service. The cost 25EC (US\$ 10) for Breakfast, 30EC (US\$ 12) for Lunch, and 45EC (US\$ 18) for Dinner. Please have cash on hand for meals.

**ATM –**

We have a number of ATMs available on the island. One ATM is also located on campus. (You will receive your travel grants in US\$. Restaurants and most local vendors accept US\$, no problem.)

**Weather –**

We've had a lot of rain! The forecast is calling for 82°F during the day ... and more rain! We hope it will clear by Saturday, but, just in case, please bring an umbrella and a protective bag/ case for carrying materials to and from the Auditorium. Visit [http://www.weather.com/outlook/travel/businesstraveler/tenday/SCXX0001?from=36hr\\_fcst10DayLink\\_business](http://www.weather.com/outlook/travel/businesstraveler/tenday/SCXX0001?from=36hr_fcst10DayLink_business) for the latest report.

**Departures –**

If you have supplied your itinerary, the taxi service will arrive at the dorm 2 hours prior to your international departure to transport you to the airport. Please have US\$ 5 available to pay the driver. There is a US\$ 22 Departure Tax to be paid at the airport after check-in, so please take this into consideration and have cash on hand.

**Problems or Questions?**

We are here to help you! If you run into any problems during your visit (stranded at airport, lost in town, need medication, etc.) please do not hesitate to contact any of the listed individuals. These Meeting Volunteers are on call to assist you for the duration of the meeting.

Fran Pope	(869) 667-6513	Kirsten Thomas	(869) 764-9362
Jay Farier	(869) 662-3814	Ryan Sullivan	(869) 660- 5549
Dr. Tammi Krecek	(869) 665-3196	Lorraine Lechner	(869) 662-5626
Jason Carloni	(869) 667-6207	Dr. Kimberly Stewart	(869) 669-4268
Donna Boles	(869) 669-6874		

**We look forward to your visit! It's going to be a great meeting!!!**

*Dr. Kimberly Stewart*

WIDECAST Meeting Organizer  
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