

TROPICAL BIOLOGY AWARD

2016

Dr. William Eberhard

researcher at the University of Costa Rica
and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute,
is the winner of **Tropical Biology Award 2016**.

The **Tropical Biology Award** is an international scientific award given for a prolonged and significant contribution to the understanding and conservation of tropical organisms.

For decades, Dr. Eberhard has made an internationally recognized contribution to our knowledge of the evolutionary process—from intracellular organelles to the behavior of insects and spiders—with emphasis on the evolution of arthropod *genitalia* and reproductive behavior.

In addition to many articles in the most prestigious scientific journals, Dr. Eberhard has published longer works, such as

Female control: sexual selection by cryptic female choice, which has been cited by other scientists thousands of times since its publication by Princeton University Press in 1996.

Additionally, he has trained generations of young students, teaching them that, rather than huge financial resources, the keys to good scientific research are: starting with an interesting question; keeping the highest scientific rigor in the design, execution and reporting of results; and working with dedication, honesty, and clear passion for the wonderful world of tropical nature; all excellent lessons that he has always taught with his own example.

Our sincerest congratulations to Dr. Eberhard and his family.



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Dr. Mary Jane West-Eberhard and Dr. William Eberhard during the Tropical Biology Award 2016 ceremony in San José, Costa Rica.