

## **2006 Excerpt From Cyamus Annual Report**

The Cyamus Regional Group held its Spring Meeting March 1-4, 2006, in La Paz, Baja California, Mexico. The meeting was hosted by CIBNOR, (Centro de Investigaciones Biologicas del Noroeste, S.C.), with help from, and visits to, the State University of Baja California Sur, and CICIMAR, (Centro Interdisciplinario de Ciencias Marinas). There were 24 attendees, 12 from the US, and 12 from Mexico, as well as representatives from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, and various local researchers.

Holding the meeting in La Paz enabled the large number of Mexican librarians to participate, part of a continuing Cyamus initiative to expand IAMSLIC membership and involvement of librarians from Baja California and the western coast of Mexico. IAMSLIC also provided \$900 in grant monies for registration waivers to enhance attendance at the spring meeting.

Several key topics were addressed at the meeting, including:

- Peer review and what that means at our various institutions
- 2006 IAMSLIC conference in Portland
- Blogs, wikis, and podcasting
- Grey and Ephemera collections
- Institutional repositories
- Instruction - what works and what doesn't
- Obtaining bilingual or Spanish materials in the marine sciences
- Open Access journals
- User training via WebEx or similar Web conferencing software
- Journal pricing (L&O no longer print only)
- Consequences of the Fish & Wildlife Service Reference Service demise
- Odincarsa digital repository project
- IAMSLIC Changes that may affect Cyamus

We managed to squeeze in some time for leisure activities too, including a Boat trip to Isla Espiritu Santo, and a Gray whale watching trip in Puerto López Mateos. We also made time for wandering along the La Paz waterfront and eating lots of wonderful food. As is typical for a Cyamus meeting, it was a tremendous amount of fun, as well as being very professionally

rewarding. We'd like to extend our many thanks to our hosts at CIBNOR, CICIMAR, and UABCS.

The 2007 Cyamus meeting will be held at the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro, California, USA on March 21-23.