# SAVE THE DATE! MTI 2012 Avian and Marine Tracking Conference

### **Conference Objective**

To promote and facilitate the exchange of information among scientists using satellite telemetry all over the world including updates on the latest developments in satellite telemetry.

#### Date

Due to scheduling issues at the previously proposed venue, the conference has been rescheduled for March 2012 at a new venue. Conference Sessions will be held March 27, 2012 through March 29, 2012 at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel in Columbia, Maryland. We have negotiated excellent rates and free wireless Internet.

Details will be posted on our website in September.

#### **Registration Information**

An on-line registration form will be posted in September. All conference attendees, including speakers, are required to register. Registration entitles attendees to all sessions, a copy of the conference proceedings and admission to the welcome dinner reception on Tuesday evening. Breakfast and lunch will be hosted each day.

### **Call for Papers**

Look for a call for abstracts on our website in September. Abstracts will be accepted for presentations describing the use of our PTTs in avian and marine tracking. The deadline for submission will be January 15, 2012.



2009 Conference attendees.

# **Scholarships**

At our 2009 Bird and Fish Tracking Conference, we awarded scholarships to two students: Sarah Trefry from the University of New Brunswick, Canada, and Pascual Lopez from the University of Alicante, Spain. Continuing our practice of promoting satellite telemetry for the next generation of scientists, we will sponsor two students to attend the 2012 conference by providing registration fees, food and lodging. Please see our website for details and applications which will be posted mid-August 2011. Selections will be made by a committee. Students must provide their own transportation.

2009 scholarship student recipients Sarah Trefry (University of New Brunswick, Canada) and Pascual Lopez (University of Alicante, Spain).



# **Bits & Pieces**

MTI will be closed the week of July 18 - 22 for our biennial retreat. We will have limited access to email and voice messages. We will return phone calls and emails on Monday, July 25. Production slots are assigned on a first come-first served basis. We require a Purchase Order and Production Form to lock in a slot. Spring production slots fill quickly so please send your orders as early as possible!

Please note that starting in 2012, we will schedule refurbishment of transmitters for August through February only. Please plan accordingly! Be sure to use the latest GPS parsing software! Data from 2011 GPS PTTs must be parsed with this latest version of the parser, so be sure to install and use the software shipped with your PTTs.