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Faculty, students and staff have several opportunities to meet Giovanni Onore and learn about his work.

Wednesday, Feb. 14.

* Noon to 1:30 p.m., World Exchange Lounge, Alumni Hall 016 — Open conversation session. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

* 7:30 p.m., Sears Recital Hall — "The Otonga Project: Marianista Mission Conservation in Tropical Ecuador."

Thursday, Feb. 15

* 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Marianist Hall lobby — International lunch. Spring breakout groups will prepare foods from Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Mexico and El Salvador. \$5.

* 4:30 p.m., Science Center auditorium — "The Amazing Biodiversity in the Ecuadorian Tropical Forest." Biology department seminar.

Onore, an Italian scientist who has lived in Ecuador for 25 years, is the former director of the Museum of Invertebrate Zoology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador in Quito, and has campaigned against rain forest destruction in Ecuador since 1996. He is the coordinator of the the Otonga Nature Preserve and, as director of the Otonga Foundation, has raised funds to purchase more 3,700 acres of rain forest on the western slopes of the Andes. The goals of the foundation are biodiversity preservation and science education.

Before his time in Ecuador, Onore was in the Congo working with rural development, fruit, vegetable and grasses culture, crop protection, pest studies, and making entomological collections. His areas of study include biology, phytopathology, entomology, invertebrate zoology, arthropods, highland insects, insect pests and bees. He also has significant knowledge of nature conservation with a special emphasis in the Amazonian region.

For more information about Onore's campus presentations, contact Kelly Williams in the biology department at 229-2011.