

**Project Update: October 2011**

The first aim has been successfully reached. We printed the field guide 'Arachnids of Uruguay' and presented it publically on a special event in our research institute (Instituto de Investigaciones Biológicas Clemente Estable). We invited students of Biology, professors, researchers, and informed the press and local authorities. The field guide has 256 pages, with information about more than 100 arachnid species. We include 29 articles by specialists about topics such as behavior, ecology, dangerous species, arachnids and culture and conservation. We have started the second stage of the project and have dictated one workshop about Arachnids of Uruguay for professors and students (Museo de Historia Natural Carlos A. Torres de la Llosa, Montevideo), and given interviews to two television channels (Channels 10 and 5), one newspaper (Science Supplement of El Observador), and three radios (M24, AM libre, Universal). We initiate the period of talks along the whole country.



Top: Cover of the field-guide Arachnids of Uruguay. (Photo by Laura Watson).



Bottom: Identification files of two Grammostola species in the field-guide (Photo left Marcelo Casacuberta - Photo right Laura Watson).