

## Project Update: January 2008

During 2007 all plots were sampled with an active participation of students and volunteers. During March-April, Maibé Olivera Gonzales (Peru) carried out a training workshop in our Lab, participating in the field and laboratory work. Preliminary results were presented in the "Second Latin American Congress on National Parks and Other Protected Areas", held in Bariloche, Argentina (30/Sep-6/Oct 2007): 1) a checklist of 26 species (7 new records, 1 new species) and 2) a preliminary patterns of how Puffball fungal diversity varies with forest conservation.

A special 3 days workshop, focused in fungal conservation, including project design, was given to a new group of young mycologists. During 11-17/Oct a special trip was made in order to collect a *Lycoperdon* species that forms its fruiting body on trunks of mature trees. After try with different media and isolation processes, with the help of Dr. Saparrat, species is now in culture. In February 2008, the student Kenia Pinto (Bolivia) will take her training workshop in our Lab.



Left: Gerardo Robledo giving a Lab class during a workshop. Right: Field trip.