

## **ISTS Board Retreat**

**August 19-23, 2013**

**National Conservation and Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV, USA**

This meeting was initially chaired by Roldan Valverde and subsequently by Ray Carthy.

### **Financing & Fundraising**

This Board retreat focused primarily on the finances of the ISTS. All financial aspects related to the Society's operating costs and the Symposium were discussed to ensure that the ISTS is on a sound and solid financial footing and that the Symposium is affordable.

### **Nominating Committee**

Marydele Donnelly, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, was invited to the Board retreat to discuss improvements and plans for the upcoming elections.

### **Membership**

A Board task Force was created to clearly define who qualifies as a member of the ISTS, a structure for membership fees, and what the ISTS offers members.

### **Annual vs Biennial Symposia**

A Board Task Force was established to develop a questionnaire to poll the membership for their opinion about the frequency of the Symposium.

*Members in attendance: Ana Barragan, Manjula Tiwari, Roldan Valverde, Yakup Kaska, Terry Meyer, Ray Carthy, Jeffrey Seminoff, Jack Frazier, Mark Hamann, Jesus Tomas, Alejandro Fallabrino, Cynthia Lagueux, Paolo Casale\*, Aliko Panagopoulou, Pamela Plotkin, Bryan Wallace\*, and George Balazs.*

*Observer: Marydele Donnelly and Donna Broadbent*

*\*Participated via phone or Skype*