

Water Resources Division

Terence P. Boyle, Research Ecologist with the Water Resources Division, spent nearly a month in Argentina and Uruguay last winter, attending the Primer Congreso Latino Americano de Ecología meeting in Montevideo, where he led a workshop on the use of resource inventories in ecosystem risk assessment and environmental protection; conferring with various scientists, and visiting institutions in Argentina the week before and after the Congress. Boyle described the conference as similar in scope to an Ecological Society of America meeting, but expressed disappointment that regional problems were not presented within a framework that recognized the international nature of such problems.

Boyle met with Marta Balderiote, head of the Argentine MAB committee, and her staff for discussion of activities at Argentina's four MAB sites. One of the four areas – Parque Dostero del Sur – consists of a narrow belt (30,000 ha) of *Spartina* marsh and dune communities of *Celtis* abutting the coast. This area, which contains several small towns, has been discussed as a potential sister area with Cumberland Island NS for comparative studies with U.S. NPS and MAB.