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DR. WATKINS ACCEPTS GALAPAGOS ISLANDS POST; DR. DAVID SINGH NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL

Iwokrama's <u>Board</u> announces that Director General Dr. Graham Watkins will become the Executive Director of the Charles Darwin Foundation. Dr. Watkins served as Director General from March 2003 and worked with Iwokrama since 1998. His last day will be January 18, 2005. Dr. Watkins' previous experience as a Galapagos guide in the 1980s formed his final career decision.



Graham Watkins, Ph.D., Director General 2003-2005: "I leave Iwokrama... with some sadness and will retain very fond memories of the forest and people of Guyana... [I] received excellent support and cooperation from Iwokrama's deeply committed staff, volunteers and partners... I am especially grateful to the Guyanese staff members... who have tirelessly worked to strengthen Iwokrama... [and] the enormous contribution of the local communities..."

Director General Dr. Watkins' notable achievements included a new Iwokrama Business Plan, public relations improvements, and strengthening Iwokrama's relationship with local communities.

Board Chair <u>Winston Cox</u>: "[Dr. Watkins'] leadership in setting forth Iwokrama's new direction has charted a clear path along which the Centre is already moving."

The IBOT appointed David Singh, Ph.D., Director of Resource Management and Training as Acting Director General.



Should you have inquiries, please contact **David Singh**.

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