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Computer skills: Windows environment, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, MS Outlook and Web page design and maintenance with MS FrontPage.

Language skills: English and Spanish (Speak, read and write), French (read)

Driver's license: B-1

STUDIES :

Universidad de Costa Rica. San José. 1986-1987. General Introductory Studies Bio-science Basic Cycle.

Universidad Nacional, Heredia. 1988-1992. BSC in Tropical Biology.

Currently working on the MSc. Degree in Natural Resources Management and Ecotourism with the Distance Studies Program for Latin America, and a MSc. Degree in Philosophy.

Others:

Universidad Estatal a Distancia, UNED, San José. 1988. Training Seminar in Environmental Education.

National Parks Service - Association for Voluntary Service in Protected Areas (ASVO). 1989. Seminar: Forest Fires, Control and Prevention.

National Parks Service - ASVO. 1990. Training Course: Deep Jungle Navigation and Survival, rappelling and rock climbing.

Universidad de Costa Rica. 1990. Physiotherapy and Relaxation Massage.

Universidad de Costa Rica - Instituto Nacional de Seguros INS (National Insurance Institute). 1990-1991. Trained E.M.T. (Paramedic).

Costa Rica Sun Tours - FUNDES Seminar-Workshop: Customer Service. San José, June 06th 2000.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES:

- Voluntarios en Investigación y Desarrollo Ambientalista VIDA (Volunteers in Environmental Research and Development). 1988-1992. Active Member in the Environmental Education Department.

- Simón Bolívar National Zoo. Group A, Volunteers. 1988- 1991. Founder Member and President.
- Association for Voluntary Service in Protected Areas ASVO. 1989-1999. Founder and Active Member.
- ASVO Protection Unit. Patrol and Hunting Control Group Member. 1990-1992.

EXPERIENCE :

- Agribiotecnología de Costa Rica SA. 1987. **Tissue Culture Technician.** Banana plant cloning.
- Bar Limon. San José. 1988-1989. **Bartender.**
- Fantasy Tours, Jaco Beach. 1990. **Tour Guide** during the high season.
- Universidad Nacional: 1990 Hydrology and Soil Ecology **Laboratory Assistant.**
- Universidad Nacional. 1990-1991. **Field Assistant** en the following research projects:
 - Macho River Basin bat population.
 - National Orchid Flora.
 - Earth worm-culture and its use for compost production.
- Explore Costa Rica SA. 1991. **Naturalist Tour Guide** during the high season.
- Standard Fruit Company (DOLE). 1991. **Assistant Researcher** in the project: Use of the California Red Earthworm (*Eisssenia foetida*) for the production of compost out of banana waste.
- Corporación Bananera Nacional CORBANA (National Banana Corporation) . 1991. **Assistant Researcher** in the project: Use of the California Red Earthworm (*Eisssenia foetida*) for the production of compost out of banana waste.
- Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencias y Tecnología ULACIT (Latin American University of Science and Technology). 1991. **Instructor** : I Mountain Hiking Recreational Course and Club.
- Explore Costa Rica SA. 1992. **Naturalist Tour Guide.** Elderhostel Costa Rica Program and others.
- Explore Costa Rica SA. 1993. **Elderhostel Costa Rica Program Coordinator.**
- Explore Costa Rica SA 1994-1997. **Naturalist Tour Guide** with different programs and tours.

- Fundación de Amigos de la Universidad para la Paz FUNDAUPAZ (Foundation of Friends of the University for Peace). 1994-to the day. **Professional Lecturer** for the Costa Rica Elderhostel Program.
- Explore Costa Rica SA. September 1996. **Instructor**. I Workshop-Seminar: Tour Guide Training.
- Explore Costa Rica SA. October 1996-February 1997. **Elderhostel Costa Rica Program Substitute Coordinator**.
- Explore Costa Rica- Holbrook Travel Inc. September 1997. **Coordinator**. I Latin American Elderhostel Program Tour Guide Seminar.
- Explore Costa Rica - Holbrook Travel Inc. July 1998. **Instructor**. I American Science Teachers Symposium Costa Rica 1998.
- 1998- to the day. **Naturalist "Free lance"** Tour Guide with the following Companies: Costa Rica Sun Tours, Ovnitours, Costa Verde Tours, Kapi Tours, Best Adventures Travel.
- Fundación de Amigos Universidad para la Paz. FUNDAUPAZ (Foundation of Friends of the University for Peace).1998 to the day. **Academic Coordinator and free lance lecturer**. Costa Rica Natural History and History and Culture s Elderhostel Programs.
- Holbrook Travel Inc. 1998 to the day. **Elderhostel Birdwatching Program Academic Coordinator**.
- ETHNOS Enlaces Etnicos Limitada. Tour Operator. San Jose, Costa Rica. 1999-2000. **Sales & Marketing Director** and in charge of development of the trademark Best Adventures Travel.
- Best Adventures Travel . Tour Operator. San Jose, Costa Rica. 2000 to the date. **Sales & Marketing Director** and in charge of development of student and community service programs.
- Costa Rica Sun Tours. June 06th and 07th, 2000. **Speaker** Tour Guides Training Seminar.
- Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, USA. **Adjunct Professor** in charge of the Costa Rica Introductory Tropical Biology Program.
- Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, USA. **Local Instructor** for the Introductory Tropical Biology Costa Rica Field Class. June 2001.
- Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, USA. **Local Instructor** for the Introductory Tropical Biology Costa Rica Field Class. May 2002.

- Holbrook Travel – Elderhostel Program. Costa Rica Elderhostel Programs Academic Coordinator in charge of all lectures, conferences and curricular activities.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND SYMPOSIUMS

- NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) Convention. Boston, Massachusetts, USA. March 1999. **Invited Speaker** for Holbrook Travel Inc.
- NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) Convention, Orlando, Florida, USA. March 2000. **Invited Speaker** for Holbrook Travel Inc.
- Woodleaf Outdoor School. Yuba County, California USA. **Invited Speaker for the One Earth One People II** International Event. November-December 2000.
- Natural Habitat Adventures. Boulder, Colorado, USA. Field Guide & Program Leader Training Seminar. September 2002.
- BEST – EARTH – INCAE. II Tourism Sustainability Think Tank. INCAE, Alajuela, Costa Rica. July 2003.
- Woodleaf Outdoor School. Yuba County, California USA. **Invited Speaker for the One Earth One People III** International Student Symposium. November 2003.
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TELEVISION EXPERIENCE

- Bay Area Backroads. Costa Rica Special. **Crew Guide and Co-host**. 1998. KRON-TV. San Francisco, California.
- Wild Moments. Tropical Animals Segments. **Crew Guide and Speaker**. Pennsylvania. January 2003.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Universidad Nacional. Heredia Costa Rica. 1988. Acknowledgement for the Highest Grade in the career of Tropical Biology.
- Holbrook Travel Inc. Winner of the Elderhostel Costa Rica Program Best Guide Galapagos Award. 1996
- Holbrook Travel.. Best Program Presentation. First International Elderhostel Guides Workshop-Seminar. San Jose, Costa Rica. 1997.

PUBLICATIONS:

"Pollination of *Stanhopea* orchids by *Bombus* and *Euglossa* bumblebees". Biología Tropical. XIX. 1991.

Co-author: "Handbook for Tour Guides" Explore Costa Rica. 1996.

"Geography of Rivers and Volcanoes of Costa Rica" Compilation for Costa Rica Sun Tours Seminar-Workshop. June 2000.

"Costa Rican Flora: a systematic approach". Handbook for Tour Guides.

COURSES AND LECTURES GIVEN:

Tropical Biodiversity. 4-6-hour Seminar for foreign students (medium and advanced) and teachers.

Introduction to Tropical Birdwatching. Introductory 2-hour class, for amateur birders and tour groups.

Tropical Bats: Ecology and Natural History. Introductory 2-hour lecture for students and tour groups in general..

Volcanoes: Constructors of Costa Rica: Introductory 2-hour lecture for students and tour groups.

Introductory Tropical Biology. 1 month field class designed for Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, USA

REFERENCES

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Dr. Rodrigo Carazo Odio. **Former President of the Republic of Costa Rica and Director of the Foundation of Friends of the University for Peace**. rocaod@racsaco.cr

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Ms. Sonia Rodriguez. Operations Director. **Costa Rica Sun Tours**. San Jose, Costa Rica. sonia@crsuntours.com

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