Flora Brasiliensis, an exhibition of botanical drawings showcasing Brazilian flora, will be on display in the Ohio Union Gallery for the month of March, 2012. To celebrate the opening of this exhibit, the Ohio State Innovation Group for Global Infectious Disease Research is holding a seminar on "Brazilian Nature and Our Scientific Partnerships" on Monday, February 27 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the West Ballroom of the Ohio Union. The seminar, which will touch on biomedicine, biodiversity, bioenergy and educational partnerships, will focus on research of mutual interest to the United States and Brazil.

Visiting seminar participants include Paulo Sotero, Director of the Brazil Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and keynote Speaker Luciano M. Verdade from the University of São Paulo. Ohio State faculty presenting at the conference include Daniel Janies, College of Medicine; Dr. Caroline Whitacre, Vice President for Research; Andrea Doseff, College of Medicine; Maria Miriti, Department of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology; Erich Grotewold, Department of Molecular Genetics and Department of Horticulture and Crop Sciences; Bob Tabita, Department of Microbiology and Stephen Hills, Fisher College of Business. The exhibit is sponsored by the State Research Funding Agency of São Paulo and the Brazil Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Flora Brasiliensis is a project to develop an online information system about the flora of Brazil using high-resolution digitized images of the original Flora brasiliensis, published between 1840 and 1906 by the editors Carl Friedrich Philipp von Martius, August Wilhelm Eichler, and Ignatz Urban. This massive collection contains depictions of 22,767 species in 15 volumes for a total of 10,367 pages.

For those unable to attend the event, the seminar will also be streamed in a live webcast. For more information, please contact Daniel Janies at daniel.janies@osumc.edu.