

Tupper seminar

Tuesday, September 11, noon seminar speaker will be Mike Majerus, visiting senior scholar from the University of Cambridge, UK

Male-killing and biased sex ratios in ladybird beetles

Bambi seminar

Thursday, September 13, Bambi seminar speaker will be Mike Majerus

The rise and fall of the peppered moth: a tale not to be sneezed at

Reservations for Bambis are essential. Please call BCI before Wednesday noon at 272-2124.

Arrivals

Gregory Adler, University of Wisconsin, Sep 10 - Jan 31, to study limiting and regulating factors in populations of a tropical forest rodent (*Proechimys semispinosus*), on BCI, Gamboa and Fortuna.

Mark and Diane Littler, Barret Brooks and Constance Gasque, Smithsonian Institution, Sep 12-26, to work on the project "Bottom-up versus top-down controls of lagoonal coral reef habitats, in Bocas del Toro.

Frode Odegaard, postdoctoral fellow from Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, Sep 14 - Mar 12, to study species richness and host specificity of phytophagous beetles in two different types of tropical forests in Panama, at Ft. Sherman.

Brenda Larison, University of California at Davis, Sep 15 - Oct 15, to study mate finding tactics in the damselfly *Protoneura amatoria*, in Gamboa.



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Colombia honors Samper with environmental award

Colombian president Andrés Pastrana Arango presented STRI deputy director Cristián Samper with the highest environmental distinction "Distinción Nacional del Medio Ambiente" in recognition to his efforts to promote knowledge, protection and conservation of natural resources, on Sunday, September 2, at the Presidential Palace in Santafé de Bogotá, Colombia. The award was established in Colombia in 1994, to honor those dedicated to conserve renewable natural resources in a sustainable manner. Samper was founding director of the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute and played a key role in biodiversity conservation in Colombia. The award ceremony was also attended by the Environmental Minister Juan Mayr Maldonado, government officials, NGO representatives and members of the private sector.



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El presidente colombiano Andrés Pastrana Arango hizo entrega de la máxima Distinción Nacional del Medio Ambiente al subdirector de STRI Cristián Samper, en la modalidad: Vida y Obra en Pro del Conocimiento, Protección y Conservación del Medio Ambiente en Colombia, el domingo 4 de septiembre en el Palacio Presidencial de Santafé de Bogotá, Colombia. Este premio fue creado en 1994, para honrar a aquellas personas o instituciones que han dedicado parte de su vida o actividad a la conservación y uso de los recursos naturales renovables en forma sostenible. Samper fue el director fundador del Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Biológicos Alexander von Humboldt y jugó un papel esencial en la conservación de la biodiversidad en Colombia. En la ceremonia de premiación asistió también el Ministro del Medio Ambiente Juan Mayr Maldonado, personalidades del gobierno, organizaciones no gubernamentales y el sector privado.

Colombia honra a Samper con premio ambiental



New employee in Visitors' Office

Patrizia Pinzón is the new technician at STRI's Visitors Services Office since Monday, September 5. Pinzón has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in tourism from the Santa María Catholic University (USMA) and is presently working on her master's degree in Business at the Latin American University for Science and Technology, ULACYT. She previously worked for ANCON and SENACYT as development coordinator. Pinzón replaced Meylin Hernandez who resigned to take up a position with the Gamboa Rainforest Resort. We welcome her to STRI.

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Departures

Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., Sep 8-22, to Washington DC, to assist Elizabeth Losos with the edition of the CTFS book.

William Laurance, Sep 10 - Oct 2, to Manaus, Brazil, to continue research projects and teach a course in rainforest plant ecology.

New publications

Carey, Cynthia, Heyer, W. Ronald, Wilkinson, John, Alford, Ross A., Arntzen, J. W., Halliday, Tim, Hungerford, Laura, Lips, Karen R., Middleton, Elizabeth, Orchard, Stan A., and Rand, A. Stanley. 2001. "Amphibian declines and environmental change: use of remote-sensing data to identify environmental correlates." *Conservation Biology* 14(4): 903-913.

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Naisbit, Russell E., Jiggins, Chris D., and Mallet, James. 2001. "Disruptive sexual selection against hybrids contributes to speciation between *Heliconius cydno* and *Heliconius melpomene*." *Proceedings of the Royal Society (London) B* 268: 1849-1854.

Pasteels, Jacques M., Termonia, Arnaud, Windsor, Donald M., Witte, Ludger, Theuring, Claudine, and Hartmann, Thomas. 2001. "Pyrrolizidine alkaloids and pentacyclic triterpene saponins in the defensive secretions of *Platynphora* leaf beetles." *Chemoecology* 11(3): 113-120.

Pierce, Simon, Maxwell, Kate, Griffiths, Howard, and Winter, Klaus. 2001. "Hydrophobic trichome layers and epicuticular wax powders in Bromeliaceae." *American Journal of Botany* 88(8): 1371-1389.

Patricia Pinzón es la nueva técnica en la Oficina de Visitantes de STRI a partir del lunes 5 de septiembre. Pinzón tiene una licenciatura en Administración de Empresas Turísticas de la Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua, USMA, y actualmente está trabajando en una maestría en Administración de Empresas en la Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología, ULACIT. Antes de venir a STRI trabajó en ANCON y SENACYT, como coordinadora de promoción institucional. Pinzón reemplaza a Meylín Hernández quien renunció a STRI para aceptar una posición en el Gamboa Rainforest Resort. Le damos la bienvenida.

Recién llegada a la Oficina de Visitantes

Soon to open overpass • Paso elevado por inaugurarse



The new overpass will officially open any day now. Roosevelt Ave, in front of the Library, will become a one-way street towards Frangipanni Ave. Frangipanni Avenue will continue to be two-ways. Portobello Street, behind Tupper, will also be two-way. Those parking at Tivoli parking lots must use the new overpass, 3 de Noviembre Ave that connects with Roosevelt Ave. Entrances to Tivoli and Pastor's House will be modified to facilitate traffic coming in and out. Those coming from Ancón must use Mamey Street (Legislators road). To enter Mamey Street you must use the mini road behind the Central Employment Office. Please exercise caution. Good luck!

El nuevo paso elevado (Ave. 3 de noviembre) será inaugurado en cualquier momento. La Ave. Roosevelt se convertirá en una vía hacia Ave. Frangipanni. Frangipanni seguirá siendo de dos vías. Calle Portobello (detrás del Tupper) seguirá siendo de dos vías. Aquellos que se estacionan en los estacionamientos de Tívoli deberán usar el paso elevado que comunica a Ave Roosevelt. Las entradas a Tívoli se modificarán para facilitar el tráfico de entrada y salida. Los que vienen de Ancón deben usar Calle Mamey (Calle de los Legisladores). Para entrar a Calle Mamey deberá usar la callejita detrás de la Oficina de Empleos del Canal. Maneje con cuidado. ¡Buena suerte!

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