

SEMINAR

On Monday evening, August 22 at 7:30 pm in the Ancon Conference Room, JUDITH T. IRVINE, Brandeis University will give a seminar on:

Language and Social Status in  
West Africa

The seminar at Ancon on Tuesday, August 23 at 12 noon will be given by RUSSELL GREENBERG, Smithsonian National Zoological Park, and the title of his seminar will be:

Fear and Loathing in Foraging  
Warblers

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

DAVID ROUBIK left last Friday on leave to the U.S. He will be returning to STRI on September 6th.

August 23 - Leaving, A. STANLEY RAND to Australia to attend the 18th International Conference of Ethology. He will also be conducting studies on the lizard fauna of Australia, Salomon Islands and Fiji, and is expected back at STRI October 2nd.

GLORIA SULLIVAN CALDWELL, SI Postdoctoral Fellow at STRI, is also attending that conference.

August 25 - Arriving DENIS KEARNS, University of Texas, on an Educational Outreach Short-term Fellowship, to study seed dispersal strategies in understory trees. He will be on BCI until Dec. 3rd.

Also arriving, DORA WEYER, from Belize, with two colleagues, to do wildlife photography. They will be at STRI for two weeks.

LIBRARY NEWS

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## New Books:

- Assessing Tropical Forest Lands: Their Suitability for Sustainable Uses (R.A. Carpenter, ed. 1981).
- Dobzhansky's Genetics of Natural Populations I-XLIII. (R.C. Lewontin, et al, 1981).
- The Fishes and the Forest; Explorations in Amazonian Natural History. (M. Goulding, 1980).
- The Science of Sound (T.D. Rossing, 1982).
- Simulations in Archaeology (J.A. Sabloff, ed. 1981).
- Spider Communication (P.N. Witt and J.S. Rovner, eds., 1982).
- Tropical Forage Legumes (P.J. Skerman, 1977).

PERSONNEL NEWS

RICHARD G. COOKE, STRI Research Associate since 1976, will begin an appointment as Archaeologist at STRI effective September 18, 1983. Dr. Cooke received his Ph.D. (Latin American Archaeology) from the Institute of Archaeology, University of London, England, in 1972. He is currently Co-Director of the NSF/Smithsonian funded Santa Maria Project, a multidisciplinary study using methods of archaeology, anthropology, botany and geology to investigate prehistoric human adaptations to a tropical watershed.

Effective August 21, 1983, JORGE L. VENTOCILLA will assume the responsibilities of Environmental Assistant in the Office of Conservation and Environmental Education, under the supervision of Dr. Gilberto Ocaña. Mr. Ventocilla, who received his degree in biology in 1981 from the Universidad de Panama, had been working as a Gamewarden at the Barro Colorado Nature Monument since December 1980.

NICHOLAS SMYTHE, who was formerly in charge of the Office of Conservation, has returned full-time to his duties as Biologist. Dr. Smythe is currently in charge of the studies on the domestication of the paca and the possibilities for the modern application of game management techniques, as part of the Alternatives to Destruction Program.

NINOCHTKA FRANCO SMITH has resigned from her position as secretary to Dr. Michael Robinson. Ninochtka, who had been working at STRI since 1980, will be missed by her friends and colleagues.

CHANGES AROUND THE SMITHSONIAN

-Effective July 1st, 1983, the CHESAPEAKE BAY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES and the RADIATION BIOLOGY LABORATORY will be administratively merged. The new bureau will be named the SMITHSONIAN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER (SERC) and will pursue basic research programs that quantitatively describe changes in the environment, and how these changes influence biological growth and development. Dr. William H. Klein will serve as the Director for this new bureau, which will be housed for the interim at both Rockville and Edgewater, Maryland. It is expected that by 1990 a new laboratory building will be completed at the Edgewater site to house staff now located at Rockville. All official correspondence for the new bureau should be directed to the Rockville offices.

-Effective 15 July, the OFFICE OF BIOLOGICAL CONSERVATION at the Smithsonian is abolished. The activities of this office will be carried on by the various science bureaus. Dr. Edward Ayensu, OBC Director, will return full-time to his position as Senior Botanist in the National Museum of Natural History.