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STRI NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING HOLIDAY

Monday, September 5th is the celebration of Labor Day (U.S.), and STRI offices will be closed on that day.

SEMINAR

We do not have a speaker confirmed for the noontime Tuesday seminar. Please check your bulletin boards for the seminar announcement.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

PETER and CARMEN GLYNN returned this past week to Panama from Hawaii. Dr. Glynn had been teaching a course at the Marine Sciences Institute of the University of Hawaii.

September 2nd - Arriving, HENRIQUE FONT-BISIER, University of Tennessee, to work on the Iguana Management Project. He will be staying on BCI for four months.

September 6 - Leaving, MICHAEL ROBINSON on official business for Washington, D.C. and New York. He will be returning around September 15.

Expected to arrive this week are S. JOSEPH WRIGHT and his wife, CLAUDIA. Dr. Wright will be joining the STRI Scientific Staff, and they will be living on BCI (see new appointment). BIENVENIDOS.

LIBRARY NEWS

In spite of the fact that the building was closed for a few days when the new air-conditioning system was installed, 697 persons visited the STRI Library during the month of August.

New books:

- Coastal Upwelling (F.A. Richards, ed. 1981).
- Ecosistemas de los bosques tropicales (UNESCO, 1980).
- Estimating the Size of Animal Populations (J.G. Blower and L. M. Cook, 1981).
- Fase Cosanga (P.I. Porras, 1975).
- La Fiesta Religiosa Campesina (M.V. Rueda, 1982).
- Rainforest Corridors; the Transamazon Colonization Scheme (N.J.H. Smith, 1982).
- Teoría y Práctica de la Reproducción Inducida en los Peces (B.J. Harvey y W.S. Hoar, 1980).

NEW APPOINTMENT TO SCIENTIFIC STAFF

STRI's Director, Ira Rubinoff, is pleased to announce the appointment of S. JOSEPH WRIGHT as Biologist on the staff, effective September 4, 1983. He will also serve as resident scientist on Barro Colorado Island.

Dr. Wright is well known at STRI since he was here on an SI Postdoctoral Appointment during 1980-81. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles, and was a Postdoctoral Associate at the University of Iowa before joining the STRI staff. His training is in evolutionary ecology and he has completed a number of studies in Panama on the community ecology of reptiles, birds and trees.

NEW STRI POLICY ON GASOLINE STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING

Anyone needing to acquire gasoline for use in the field should do so only in approved containers. These must be securely tied down, and the gasoline should be purchased (through the use of coupons if necessary) at the site where it is to be used (for example, at the Gamboa Shell Station, if to be used at Gamboa). Any combustible material must be transported in open air, ventilated vehicles, i.e. pick-up trucks. If you should have any questions regarding this new policy, please contact STRI's Facility Manager, RAMON ELY.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-Hot off the press is the colorful and educational poster on the endangered species of Panama designed by JORGE VENTOCILLA. The poster, a joint effort by RENARE and STRI, will be presented to the Director of RENARE, Sergio Castillo, by Ira Rubinoff at an informal meeting next week. It will be distributed in schools and institutions throughout Panama.

-Budget Rent a Car now has a TOYOTA LAND-CRUISER jeep available for rental. This is the only 4-wheel drive available for rental in Panama. For further information call ELENA LOMBARDO.

-The Ballet of Senegal will be performing on September 20th at the Teatro Anayansi, ATLAPA. Tickets are \$20, \$15, \$10, \$7. For reservations you can call the INAC offices, 22-2787.