



STRI NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Monday, October 10 (celebration of Columbus Day - U.S.) is a holiday for STRI employees.

October 11 (Day of the Revolution) and October 12 (Columbus Day) are holidays in Panama. Banks, government offices etc. will remain closed on those days.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar at Ancon on Tuesday, October 11 will be given by DANIEL SUMAN, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow from Scripps Institute of Oceanography, who will speak on:

Agricultural Burning in Panama and Central America: Burning Parameters and the Coastal Sedimentary Record

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

October 10 - Arriving, OLA FINCKE, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow, from the University of Iowa. She will be spending a year on BCI studying: "Sexual selection in a neotropical Pseudostigmatid damselfly: a test of the relative importance of genetic versus environmental influences on a male fitness trait".

BUEN VIAJE to all leaving for Peru to attend the CONGRESO LATINOAMERICANO DE ZOOLOGIA.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Publications:

Books

- Acoustic Communication in Birds (D. Kroodsma et al., eds, 1982).
- Birds of the World (F.H. Knowlton, 1909. A. Wetmore collection gift).
- Climate in Earth History (National Academy Press, 1982).
- Copyright Handbook (D.F. Johnston, 2nd ed. 1982).
- Education for Environmental Planning and Conservation (D. Bandhu and N.L. Ramanathan, eds, 1982).
- Evolution, Time and Space: The Emergence of the Biosphere (R. W. Sims et al, eds, 1983).
- Guidelines for Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Wild Animals and Plants (IUCN, 1980).
- Index of Generic Names of Fossil Plants 1820-1965. (U.S. Geol. Survey).
- Lower Organisms and their Role in the Food Web. (Proceedings of the 15th European Marine Biology Symposium, 1981).
- The Theory of Sex Allocation (E.L. Charnov, 1982).
- U.S. Directory of Marine Scientists, 1982.
- Wilderness and the American Mind (R. Nash 3rd ed., 1982).
- Writing a Scientific Paper and Speaking at Scientific Meetings (V. Booth, 1981).

NEW CHARGES FOR RENARE PERMITS

RENARE permits are required by all conducting freshwater and terrestrial studies that involve collecting, and/or capturing and marking specimens outside the Barro Colorado Nature Monument. Normally non-STRI sponsored visitors should obtain their own permits and we will be happy to advise them on the procedure involved. Should a visitor be unable to find time to process the application, STRI will do it for them but would charge for the service. Processing an application requires several hours of secretarial/administrative time and trips from Balboa to Paraiso. The procedure takes time, and STRI cannot guarantee that the permit will be issued. Please note that there is a new schedule of charges for permits. STRI's service charge for all permits is \$20. In addition, RENARE now has a fee of \$5 for collecting permits and for those to conduct research in a national park or reserve, and a \$20 for import/export permits. The total cost for visitors is now: \$25 for collecting permits and for those to conduct research in national parks and \$40 for import/export permits. All (including staff, fellows and research associates) will be charged the fee charged to STRI by RENARE. For further information and application forms, please see MARIA MORELLO at the Tivoli.

NEW TELEPHONE LINES AT STRI FACILITIES

Please make a note of the new numbers:
Tivoli: (2)52-5004 (TRAVEL)
(2)52-5100 (PROCUREMENT)
Ancon: (2)52-5976

A GET WELL WISH

To CLAUDIA CAMPBELL WRIGHT who was recently hospitalized at the Centro Medico Paitilla.

NO, YOU DID'T MAKE A MISTAKE

When you call the Ancon office, and VIELKA VERGEL answers or you call Naos and get ARGELIS RUIZ, you didn't dial the wrong number. Vielka and Argelis have switched places. Vielka is now keeping track of the scientists at Ancon and Argelis is getting a change of scenery at Naos.

DON'T MISS IT

The Salsa Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 14 at 8 pm at the Parque Solidaridad (the picnic area by the Naos Bunker entrance) in Fort Amador. WHO will get the prize for the most original costume??? WHAT will he/she wear???? Pay the \$10/person to the secretary at your facility by Wednesday, October 12.