



## STRI NEWSLETTER

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### SEMINAR NEWS

The seminar at Ancon on Tuesday, October 18 will be given by EGBERT LEIGH, STRI, who will speak on:

Production and Competition on a Weather Coast of the Pacific Northwest

### ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

October 15 - Arriving, PEPPER TRAIL, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow from Cornell University, to spend ten months at STRI. He will be living in Gamboa and studying the differentiation among allopatric populations of a Neotropical bird, the thrushlike manakin.

Also arriving on that date is TRACY MILLER, National Zoological Park, to join the iguana management project. She will be living in Gamboa.

Arriving this week from the Smithsonian's Office of Protection Services are: CLIFF BOOCKS, ROBERT SEABOAT and JOE LIBBEY, who will be visiting the different STRI facilities.

Leaving this week for Washington, D.C. are IRA RUBINOFF, MICHAEL ROBINSON, HENK WOLDA, HARRIS LESSIOS and MARY JANE WEST-EBERHARD to attend the meetings of the Smithsonian Council. This Council, composed of distinguished scholars, advises the institution regarding the direction of its programs.

### LIBRARY NEWS

In Fiscal Year 1983, more than 520 monographs were purchased for the STRI Library, half of which have been received.

During this period, gifts and local purchases (Central and South America) added another 600 or more books to the Library's collection.

The Library's Central and South American exchange program brought in 52 serials. Orders were placed for about fifteen new subscriptions as well.

#### New Journals & Newsletters:

- Agroforestry Systems
- Journal of Field Archaeology
- Tropical Ocean-Atmosphere Newsletter

### FOR SALE

TOYOTA Starlet 1981, excellent condition, \$3,450. Call G. CALDWELL, 46-6212, 89-4200.

### NOTES OF INTEREST

-The second seminar in the series for the administrative staff on projects and activities at STRI will be on Thursday, October 20 at 12 noon in the Tivoli Conference Room. The speaker will be CAROL JOPLING and the subject will be:

#### HOW THE STRI LIBRARY OPERATES

-Recently out as a joint publication of the Universidad de Panama and STRI is the book CUANDO SE ACABAN LOS MONTES (When forests disappear....) by STANLEY HECKADON MORENO. It is a study of peasant colonization fronts from the Azuero Peninsula into pioneer areas like Darién and Bayano. As a sociological study of deforestation it is a unique contribution. The book is being sold at the STRI Library for a reasonable \$5.00.

-Two more volumes of the BIBLIOTECA DE LA CULTURA PANAMEÑA have been published recently: LAS MANIFESTACIONES ARTISTICAS EN PANAMA by Erik Wolschoon and EL DESARROLLO DE LAS CIENCIAS SOLICIALES EN PANAMA by Alfredo Figueroa Navarro. Both are edited volumes: collections of essays and articles written by specialists and previously published in journals of limited circulation. Figueroa's volume includes anthropological articles by OLGA F. LINARES, RICHARD G. COOKE and STANLEY HECKADON. At the recent official ceremony to present these two books, STRI was acknowledged as one of the four institutions that have contributed to finance the publication of the series. Directed by CARLOS M. GASTEAZORO of the Editorial Universitaria, the collection will include 16 volumes on different aspects of Panamanian culture.

-NEAL SMITH recently attended the 100th meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union at the American Museum of Natural History in the "Big Apple" (apparently a jazz term from the 1930's). More than 1200 persons attended the four concurrent sessions held over one week, making this the largest ornithological meeting that has ever been held anywhere. ERNST MAYR, who was president of the A.O.U. at its 50th meeting, gave the introductory talk. Many STRI alumni gave papers: JIM KARR, RACHEL LEVIN, SUSAN FARABOUGH, JAMIE SMITH, BERNICE TANNENBAUM, NICK BROKAW, JILL TRAINER, BETSY MALLORY and RUSS GREENBERG. POLLY ZHENG was there as the official delegate from the People's Republic of China. She sends her best to all here. Polly is now working on a field guide to the birds of China at the National Museum in Washington, and will be there until May when she will tour U.S. museums on her way back to China.