

SEMINAR NEWS

The speaker at the luncheon seminar on Tuesday, December 6 will be LANI WEST-WATANABE, Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellow from Oregon State University. The subject of her seminar is:

Prey selection by the carnivorous marine snail, Thais melones: a study of sequential feeding attacks made by individuals

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

December 3rd - Leaving FRANK MORRIS on official business to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. He is expected back on December 13th.

LIBRARY NEWS

Among the 30 books received December 1st, 1983 are the following:

- Brain and Intelligence in Vertebrates (E.M. MacPhail, 1982).
- Chromosome Constitution of Races of Maize: its Significance in the Interpretation of Relationships between Races and Varieties in the Americas (B. McClintock, 1981).
- Ethnoastronomy and Archaeoastronomy in the American Tropics (A.F. Aveni and G. Urton, eds., 1982).
- Ecology and Behavior of Neotropical Primates (A.F. Coimbra-Filho and R. A. Mittermeier, eds., 1981).
- Herbivory: the dynamics of animal/plant interactions (M.J. Crawley, 1982).
- Introduction to Probability and Statistics from a Bayesian Viewpoint (D.V. Lindley, 1980).
- Lizard Ecology (R. B. Huey, et. al. eds, 1983).
- McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology, 5th edition, 1982.
- Neurobiology of the Leech (K.J. Muller et al., eds., 1981).
- Panama Forest and Shore (B.L. Gordon, 1982).
- Problems in the Management of Locally Abundant Wild Mammals (P.A. Jewell and S. Holt, eds., 1982).
- Quantitative Plant Ecology (P. Greig-Smith, 1982).
- Rastros de los mamíferos silvestres de México) J. M. Aranda, 1981).

NEW ARTICLE OF INTEREST

In the December issue of National Geographic Magazine, "Cock of the Rock: Jungle Dandy", article and spectacular photographs by PEPPER TRAIL (Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow at STRI).

POWER FAILURE ON BCI

On Tuesday, 29 November, BCI suffered a power failure due to short circuits that blew out three electrical transformers. The underwater electrical cable was damaged in two places, one located in the middle of the lake and the other on the east bank. Work to repair the cable by divers from the Panama Canal Commission's Electrical Division is to begin on Friday, December 2nd, and is expected to take approximately 5 working days. Hopefully, the repair operations will also determine the cause(s) of the damage.

SEA SNAKE PROJECT RECEIVES GRANT

IRA RUBINOFF has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Tupper Foundation to support the on-going investigation on sea snake diving biology.

XMAS NEWS

Christmas is sharing. All of us STRI employees are very fortunate to have good job during these times of economic crisis and unemployment. So why not share our blessings with families that don't have even the basic necessities of life?

There will be an empty table at our XMAS Party (which will be held on Friday, December 16, at 4:30 pm at the Tivoli grounds) where all members of the STRI family are invited to bring one item from the following list:

cooking oil (in small bottle)  
sugar, salt  
lentils or beans  
toiletries (soap, toothpaste)  
tomato sauce or tomato paste  
dehydrated soup (in packages)  
canned vegetables  
canned evaporated milk  
a toy

Of course, this will be a voluntary matter. All contributions will be donated to the Los Angeles Chapel for distribution to needy families in the outskirts of Panama City.

Let's give generously in STRI style'  
XMAS Party Committee

DIA DE LA MADRE

Mother's Day in Panama is celebrated on December 8th (Thursday). It is a national holiday, and STRI offices will be closed. We wish all STRI mothers a HAPPY DAY.