

SEMINAR

We do not have a seminar scheduled for Tuesday, January 31. Please check your bulletin boards for any last minute notice.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

January 27 - Leaving, IRA RUBINOFF and MICHAEL ROBINSON for Washington, D.C. They will be returning in one week.

January 30 - Arriving, NICOLAS PAZ and HERNANDO PAREJA, from the University of Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia, to study the diplurid spiders of the Parque Nacional Soberania. They will be in Gamboa until April.

Also arriving, DAVID OKONSKI, from the Smithsonian's Office of Plant Services. He will be here until February 4.

Leaving, DON WINDSOR for three weeks to Costa Rica to study mating selection in stick insects.

February 1st - Arriving, RACHEL LEVIN, Cornell University, on a Smithsonian predoctoral fellowship, to study the adaptive significance of antiphonal song in Thryothorus nigricapillus. She will be living in Gamboa.

We welcome back BOB and KERRY DRESSLER, who will be returning this week to STRI, after being away for an extended stay at the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Expected to be in Panama this weekend is ROBERT RIDGELEY, from the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences.

HENK VAN DER WERFF from the Missouri Botanical Garden will be visiting the Summit Herbarium during the month of February. He will be working with H. Churchill in conjunction with the Flora Mesoamerica Project.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-Olga F. LINARES has been elected corresponding member of the ACADEMIA PANAMEÑA DE LA HISTORIA and president of the ASOCIACION PANAMEÑA DE ANTROPOLOGIA.

-IRA RUBINOFF has been selected as one of the three members of the International Scientific Advisory Council of Panama's COMISION NACIONAL DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE.

-The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Isles will be held in Panama during the last weekend in February.

-The University of Panama has declared 1984 as the "Year for Scientific Research" to enhance the importance of scientific research and emphasize the need to orient the efforts of its faculty and students towards research related activities.

NEW SMITHSONIAN SECRETARY

On Monday, January 23 the Smithsonian Board of Regents approved unanimously the appointment of ROBERT MCCORMACK ADAMS as the new Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Adams is an anthropologist who at the time of his appointment held the positions of provost of the University of Chicago and director of its Oriental Institute. He has published several books on urban ecology, particularly of the Middle East. The new Secretary will succeed S. Dillon Ripley, who is retiring in September of this year.

TROPICAL METEOROLOGY COURSE BEGINS TUESDAY

The Tropical Meteorology course given by ROBERT READ, San Jose State University, will begin on Tuesday, January 31 at 4 pm. in the Ancon Conference Room. Those who have signed up for this course are reminded that it will consist of five two-hour sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays through February 14.

LIBRARY NEWS

On exhibit in the STRI Library:

Photographs of Butterfly Plates from the BIOLOGIA CENTRALI-AMERICANA by Nicholas Smythe.

BUTTERFLIES OF PANAMA---books from the Robert Silberglied collection.

New publications received January 27, 1984:

Books:

- Costa Rican Natural History (D. Janzen, ed., 1983).
- Field-guide to the Reef-building corals of the Indo-Pacific (H. Ditlev, 1980).
- Pattern Recognition Principles 2nd ed. (J. T. Touy and R.C. Gonzalez, 1974).
- Plantas Medicinales de Puerto Rico (Nuñez Melendez, 1964).

Microfilms:

- Ecology of the Savanna Hawk in Venezuela (W.J. Mader, 1981).
- Food Consumption and Growth Energetics of Nestling Golden Eagles (M.W. Collopy, 1980).
- Hummingbird Foraging Behavior and Pollination Energetics of Malvaviscus arboreus (M.W.W. George, 1980).
- Life histories and abundance patterns of some Caribbean reef corals (K. W. Rylaarsdam).
- Sex-related Social, Mating and Foraging Behavior in some Sequentially Hermaphroditic Reef Fishes (S.G. Hoffman, 1980).
- Social Foraging Strategies of White Ibis, Eudocimus albus (P.H. Wrege, 1980).