



STRI NEWSLETTER

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ROBINSON APPOINTED NATIONAL ZOO DIRECTOR

STRI's Deputy Director, MICHAEL H. ROBINSON was appointed this week as the new director of the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Robinson's appointment represents a loss to STRI but a gain for the National Zoo, and should also enhance collaboration between these two Smithsonian science bureaus.

SEMINAR NEWS

No seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7. The upcoming Tuesdays in February are also open. During D. Windsor's absence, persons wishing to give a luncheon seminar are asked to contact H. Wolda or G. de Alba at Ancon.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

PAUL SPITZER arrived this past week from the Center for Northern Studies in Vermont. He has a STRI Short-term Fellowship to study the ecology and behavior of ospreys (*Pandium haliaetus*) wintering in Panama. He will be working in mainland Panama for two months.

ELIOT BRENOWITZ, University of California at Los Angeles, is arriving this week. He will be studying the ecological and neuroendocrine correlates of song duetting in *Thryothorus* wrens, and will be in Gamboa until April 30th.

February 6 - Leaving, OLGA F. LINARES from Washington, D.C. to attend the American Anthropological Association Conference. She will be away for one week.

FEBRUARY 10 - Arriving, JAMES FULLARD, and S. SAKALUK, University of Toronto, to record insectivorous bat echolocation signals.

Also arriving on that date are: GLENN MORRIS and J. KLIMAS, also from the University of Toronto, to record Tettigonnid Orthoptera (katydid) mating signals. They will all be at BCI until February 27th.

PERSONNEL NEWS

LUIS TURNER will begin working on Monday, February 6 as Purchasing Agent, assisting M. Arroyo in the Procurement Department. He comes to STRI from the Azucarera "La Victoria", where he acquired experience in purchasing, customs clearances, etc. We welcome him to STRI.

LIBRARY NEWS

New books received February 3rd:

- Bromeliaceae Andreanae (E. Andre, 1982).
- Can we delay a greenhouse warming? (EPA, 1983).
- Concepts of Species (C. N. Slobodchikoff, 1976)
- Encyclopedia of Plant Physiology: v12D Physiological Plant Ecology, v.16A and B Photomorphogenesis (1983).
- Falcons of the World (T.J. Cade, 1982).
- Field Guide to the Birds of East Africa, rev. edition (J. G. Williams, 1980).
- Nele Paramount Chief of the Cuna Indians (E. Nordenskiöld, 1928-30).
- Politics and History in Band Societies (E. Leacock, R. Lee, eds. 1982).
- Vegetation of the Galapagos Islands (H. van der Werff, 1978).

TROPICAL ECOLOGY FIELD COURSE

From March 9 thru April 12 of this year, the University of Panama and STRI will be giving a tropical ecology field course for students in the entomology master's program and teaching assistants at the University of Panama. The course will take participants to different sites: the Parque Nacional Soberania, the mangroves of Galeta, the Parita Bay area, and the highland forests of Chiriqui, and is being coordinated by Yael Lubin, STRI and ROSEMARY SEGISTAN and HUGO TEJERA from the University of Panama. It is intended to introduce participants to different tropical ecosystems and to the methodology of field research, and is being funded by a grant from the Smithsonian Educational Outreach Program. Staff from STRI, the University of Panama and other local institutions will participate as instructors.

ASSISTANT AVAILABLE

CONNIE GREER, a graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia, is interested in assisting a researcher at STRI on a pay/ or volunteer basis. She studied agriculture with an emphasis in ornamental horticulture, and has had experience in developing a mini-botanical garden at the Univ. of Missouri at Columbia. She can be reached at 64-5033, ext. 117.