

SEMINAR NEWS

On Tuesday, March 6 our speaker for the luncheon seminar at Ancon will be TOM SEELEY, Yale University. The subject of his talk is:

Defensive strategies of 3 Asian Honeybee Species

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Visitors expected:

March 3 - Arriving, CAROL AUGSPURGER, University of Illinois, and her assistant SUE FRANSON to continue studies on factors influencing seed distribution of wind-dispersed trees on BCI.

March 4 - Arriving, ELIOT BRENOWITZ, University of California at Los Angeles, to study ecological and neuroendocrine correlates of song duetting in *Thryothorus* wrens. He will be in Gamboa until the end of April.

March 9 - Arriving, DIANE CALABRESE, Dickinson College, and her husband PETER TELLERICO, to study: 1) managerial and philosophical problems associated with preserves, and 2) overland migration in *Brachymetra albinerva*. They will be on BCI for 3 weeks.

Expected to arrive this week is FERNANDO RIVERA, University of Guayaquil, Ecuador, on an Exxon assistantship, to work with H. Lessios on pathogens of the sea urchin *Diadema*. He will be staying at Naos for three months.

Staff travel:

OLGA F. LINARES is leaving on March 3 for Bellagio, Italy to attend a conference on West African farming systems at the invitation of the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations. She will be travelling to several European capitals to work in the archives and is expected back by mid-April.

MICHAEL ROBINSON is leaving on March 5 for Washington, D.C. for one week.

ROBERT DRESSLER is leaving on the same date for Miami to attend the XI World Orchid Conference, where he will present a paper, then to San Jose, Costa Rica to attend the XIV National Orchid Exposition.

MARTIN H. MOYNIHAN is leaving on March 7th for India and NEPAL where he will be observing birds (Coraciiformes) and will also continue with his cephalopod studies in Goa and Cochin. He is expected back by mid-April.

CARNIVAL HOLIDAYS

Due to carnival celebrations, government offices, banks and many businesses in Panama will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning.

LIBRARY NEWS

- ANGEL AGUIRRE received a diploma for participation in the SEMINARIO TALLER SOBRE UTILIZACION Y ELABORACION DE TESAURUS offered by the Dept. of Bibliotecología of the University of Panama.
- Remember to send us your photographs for exhibit in June.

NOTES OF CAUTION TO BOAT USERS

Facilities management is spending approximately \$15,000 a year in outboard motor parts, which constitutes a problem. Several factors could explain this. 1) Due to their construction, outboard motor engines are very sensitive to misuse, 2) hidden objects in the lake can strike and damage the motors, and 3) often users are not informed on proper use of outboard motors. The STRI Maintenance Department urges users to take the following measures. Become informed about procedures to follow when using outboard motors. For example, give sufficient time for the engine to heat and make sure it has the correct oil/gas mixture. Only change gears at the lowest possible revolutions. If the engine is making strange noises, or if water is noticed inside the plastic filter, do not use the motor, and please report the problem. When using a boat outside the marked area be observant of stumps that could damage it. By following these simple instructions and taking better care of our outboard motors we could greatly eliminate the expense of time and money that this represents.

BIOTELEMETRY WORKSHOP

I.G. PRIEDE, from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, will be visiting STRI from March 10 - March 21 to collaborate on the sea snake project. During his stay at STRI, he will conduct a biotelemetry workshop for members of the STRI staff and visiting investigators at the Naos Marine Lab Conference Room. The workshop will include use and discussion of underwater telemetry devices. Further information will be obtainable from Argelis Ruiz at Naos after March 13.

APARTMENT OR ROOM NEEDED

DEE WOESSNER, graduate student in plant ecology at the University of Kansas, will be visiting Panama from 18 March until mid April and needs a modest space, at modest price, in which to live. If you can help, please call D. Roubik at the Tivoli.