

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar in the Ancon Conference Room on Tuesday, June 12 will be given by JAMES WEINBERG, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow from the University of Connecticut. His subject will be:

Population Ecology and Interspecific Interactions of the Marine Bivalve, Gemma gemma.

On Friday, June 15 at 12 noon in the Ancon Conference Room, YAEL LUBIN, STRI Research Associate, will give an informal seminar:

Sex and the Social Spider  
(Blue movies, minors not allowed!)

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

June 8 - Leaving, OLGA F. LINARES, to give a series of lectures at the University of California at San Diego. She will be returning June 11.

June 10 - Arriving, PAUL COLINVAUX, Ohio State University, to collaborate with R. Cooke and D. Piperno for one week. He will be extracting sediments in El Valle for pollen and phytolith studies of Pleistocene and Holocene vegetation distribution, agriculture, and land usage.

Also June 10:

Leaving, IRA RUBINOFF on annual leave until July 1st.

Leaving, NEAL SMITH, for San Francisco, to give a paper at the AAAS Meetings on the El Niño Phenomenon. He will also be on annual leave for several days, and will return to STRI around the third week in June.

A NOTE FROM THE ZOO

A preliminary note from the Robinsons reported that the whole family arrived safely without hitch and that they are now settled into the Zoo and the Ontario Apartments. It added: "More importantly we want to say thank-you to everybody for the good wishes, farewell gifts and the party on Tuesday afternoon. It made us feel sad and also deeply moved. You are all always welcome here. We will be offended if you don't look us up on any visit. Love and best wishes, Mike and Barbara."

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

HENK WOLDA will be Acting Director during Dr. Rubinoff's absence from June 10 - July 1st.

STRI SIGNS COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH KUNAS

This past week, STRI Director Ira Rubinoff signed an agreement for scientific and technical collaboration with the ASOCIACION DE EMPLEADOS KUNAS, the association in control of the administrative and organizational aspects related to the wildlife reserve and forest park on the southern border of the Kuna reservation (the Comarca de San Blas). Under the terms of the agreement, STRI will offer technical assistance for the basic studies on the flora and fauna of the reserve, and for the elaboration of the Management Plan. STRI will be supporting two biologists: Greg De Nevers, a botanist, and Mickey Marcus, a zoologist, who will be with the project for one year. Jorge Ventocilla will be STRI's Technical Coordinator for the project.

The center for the Kuna reserve will be near a place called Udirbi, located approximately two hours from Panama City, along the Llano-Cartí Road. Plans are to establish a facility for scientists and scientific tourists interested in the flora and fauna of the nearby cloud forest region. Several institutions such as the Inter-American Foundation, CATIE, AID, the Tropical Science Center in Costa Rica, and STRI have been collaborating with the Kunas on this project over the last two years.

LIBRARY NEWS

New books received in the library June 6, 1984:

- Ancient North Americans (J.D. Jennings, ed., 1983).
- Ancient South Americans (J.D. Jennings, ed., 1983).
- Campesinado e Indigenismo en América Latina (E. Valencia, et al., 1978).
- CBE Style Manual, 5th ed. (CBE Editors, 1983).
- Central America, 3 vols., (H.H. Bancroft, 1882-1887).
- Chemistry of the Unpolluted and Polluted Troposphere (NATO Advanced Study Institute, 1981).
- Coastal Lagoons (UNESCO, 1982).
- La Destrucción del Equilibrio Ecológico en las Cooperativas del Alto Huallaga E. Bedoya Garland, 1981).
- New Interpretations of Ape and Human Ancestry (R.L. Ciochon and R.S. Corruccini, eds., 1983).
- Optics for Clinicians, 2d ed. (M.L. Rubin, 1974).