

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, October 9, will be given by EGBERT LEIGH, STRI. His subject will be:

Chance Clumpling in Trees

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

October 8 - Arriving, RICHARD BROSNAHAM, photographer from the Color Branch of the Smithsonian Office of Printing and Reproduction, for one year at STRI. He will be working in the Ancon Building.

October 10 - Leaving, GENE MONTGOMERY, for Washington, D.C. to work on detached duty at the SI Press until April 1985. His address will be: 4515 Willard Avenue, Apt S-1118, Chevy Chase, MD 20015, (tel. 301-654-1030).

October 10 - Arriving, KEITH SCHOLLEY, British Broadcasting Company (BBC), to film sea snake studies at STRI.

October 10 - Arriving, MARY JANE WEST-EBERHARD, for one day, on her way back to Costa Rica from Colombia.

October 11 - Arriving, HUGH MAYNARD, BBC, to film sea snake studies.

LIBRARY NEWS

New books received:

- Gause, Frank A. Story of Panama. Boston, Silver, Burdett, 1912.
- Genetic engineering of plants: Agrocultural research opportunities and policy concerns. Washington, National Academy Press, 1984.
- Insect ecology and resources management proceedings symposium. Muzaaffarnagar, India; Dept. Zoology, S.D. College, 1983.
- International interdisciplinary symposium on animal sonar systems (2nd: 1979; Jersey) N.Y., Plenum, 1980.
- Morton, Julia Frances. Atlas of medical plants of Middle America, Bahamas to Yucatan. Springfield, Ill., C.C. Thomas, 1981.
- Perry, Santiago. La Crisis Agraria en Colombia, 1950-1980. Bogotá, Al Ancora, 1983.
- Piperno, Dolores R. Application of phytolith analysis to the reconstruction of plant subsistence and environments in prehistoric Panama. Ann Arbor, Univ. Micro, 1983.
- Rindos, David. Origins of agriculture. NY, Academic, 1983.
- Smith, Andrew B. Echinoid paleobiology. London, Allen and Unwin, 1984.
- Valiela, Ivan. Marine ecological processes. New York, Springer-Verlag, 1984.

***ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR / ANUNCIO DEL DIRECTOR

- Recent events have caused some confusion among our employees. All employees are to report to work unless notified otherwise.
- Los acontecimientos recientes han causado cierta confusión entre nuestros empleados. Todos los empleados deben presentarse a trabajar a menos que se les notifique lo contrario.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

STRI offices will close on Monday, October 8 (Celebration of Columbus Day - U.S.).

October 11 (Thursday) is a Panamanian national holiday, and STRI will observe a liberal leave policy. The presidential inauguration will be on this date, and traffic may be heavy in certain areas of the city, particularly near the Palacio Legislativo and the ATLAPA Convention Center. Banks and government offices are expected to close also on October 12.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-The emergency continuing resolution for the FY 85 budget passed by the US Congress October 4th expires at 4:30 pm, October 5th. It is expected that Congress will approve the FY 85 budget over the weekend to keep the government running. ***

-Persons who have recently obtained Panamanian driver's licenses have been required to see a film and to take an audiovisual and reflex test. The film is shown to groups not individuals, so this can delay the procedure. According to regulations, persons staying in Panama less than a year, are required also to take along two photographs, in addition to the blood test, \$20, and official documentation usually required.

-The last 300 posters on the endangered species of Panama prepared by the STRI Office of Conservation and RENARE have been given to the Ministry of Education to be distributed in primary schools throughout the country.

-Photos by STRI staff members: N. Smith, N. Smythe and J. Ventocilla, and the endangered species poster, appeared in the front and back covers of IMAGEN, the journal recently published by the University of Panama's Cultural Exchange Division.

A GET WELL WISH

- To ROSA ZAMBRANO who is hospitalized at Santo Tomás Hospital recovering from an operation. She is in room 1B, ward 11.
- To PEDRO ACOSTA convalescing from a recent operation.

FELICITACIONES

To ARGELIS RUIZ and CARLOS ARTURO GUEVARA, who will be married on Monday, October 8th.