

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, October 16 will be given by HOWARD HOWLAND, Cornell University. His subject will be:

Photorefractive Studies of Human and Animal Vision

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

October 13 - Arriving, HOWARD HOWLAND, Cornell University, to visit BCI for five days.

October 14 - Arriving, NANCY MORAN, for two weeks to do drawings for C. Handley at BCI.

October 15 - Arriving, PHILIP RUNDEL, University of California, Irvine, for two weeks to continue work on: "Limiting resources for growth and photosynthetic capacity in tropical forest seedlings." He will be at BCI for 2 weeks.

October 15 - Arriving, MONTE PRIEDE, University of Aberdeen, to collaborate with I. Rubinoff, J. Graham and J. Motta on sea snake studies.

Also expected this week is JEFFREY GRAHAM, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, to collaborate in studies on the diving biology of sea snakes. He will be at STRI for approximately two weeks.

LIBRARY NEWS

ROBERTO SARMIENTO will join the library staff as librarian on October 15. A native of Panama, Mr. Sarmiento received a B.A. degree in Geology from Saint Louis University in 1979, and an M.A. degree in Library and Information Science at Rosary College, Illinois in January 1984. He has practical experience in library work, having worked at the Rosary College library for over a year. We welcome him to STRI.

NEW FACES

The following local Exxon assistants have begun working with researchers at STRI during the past month:

ANAYANSI CASTILLO, a recent graduate from the University of Illinois, is assisting P. Becker and P. Rundel at BCI.

EDGARDO MUÑOZ, a recent graduate from the University of Panama, is working at Naos with R. Robertson.

HERACLIO HERRERA and JORGE ROLDAN, University of Panama, are collaborating with G. De Nevers and M. Marcus in the floral and faunal surveys for the PEMASKY project.

ANGEL MODES, University of Panama, is assisting H. Caffey at Naos.

ILEANA VISUETTI, University of Panama, is assisting J. Weinberg at the Naos Lab.

NEW WILDLIFE RESERVE

A Panamanian presidential decree signed on October 2nd declared a section of Taboga Island, and all of Uraba Island in the Bay of Panama, a wildlife reserve. The idea of this wildlife reserve was proposed by G. Montgomery in his publication "Creación de un Refugio Nacional Panameño para Aves Marinas en las Islas de Taboga y Urabá in the May 1982 issue of Revista Médica de Panamá.

OFFICE MOVES

HENK WOLDA, MIGUEL ESTRIBI and SATURNINO MARTINEZ are now occupying new offices in the "Pastor's House". Their telephone numbers are:

52-5968, 52-5802

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SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION MEETING

The IV meeting of the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST) will be held in Panama from October 15 - 18. Dedicated to the conservation of sea turtles in the greater Caribbean region, this group is composed of an eleven member team, working in collaboration with conservation organizations and government institutions in the region. Argelis Ruiz, STRI, is a member of the working team, and has also been in charge of coordinating the meetings to be held at the University of Panama.

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Attractive T-shirts with the 5 different species of sea turtles in Panama to support sea turtle conservation efforts are for sale in different colors, and in all adult sizes, for \$6.00. If interested see Audrey Smith at Naos or Daisy Rey at Ancon.

NEW STRI GRANDMOTHER

VERONICA was born October 10 to Hernan and Maribel Maggiori. And you can all guess who is the happy grandmother. Congratulations.