

SEMINAR NEWS

No seminar scheduled for Tuesday, January 8. Check bulletin boards for last minute scheduling.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

January 5 - Arriving, RANDY ZELICK and CAROL SUMWAY, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, for one month at Gamboa. They will be working on a behavioral and neural investigation of the novelty response in the electric fish Hypopomus occidentalis.

January 7 - Leaving, MARTIN MOYNIHAN and ARCADIO RODANICHE for Cochin, India, to participate in the Symposium on Endangered Marine Animals and Marine Parks sponsored by the Marine Biological Association of India from Jan. 12-16. They will also visit Bangalore, Madras and Madurai, where they will consult with Indian colleagues.

January 9 - Arriving, MARK JOHNSON, Princeton University, to work with M. Keller on the soil chemistry of BCI, until Jan. 30.

Representative JAMES WEAVER (D) from Oregon will be visiting BCI January 10. During his years as a member of the House of Representatives, Weaver has strongly supported the creation of national parks and wilderness areas in his home state, where the timber industry is a major employer, believing that these conservation measures will benefit Oregon in the long run. In 1983 he led the passage of a bill that doubled the amount of Oregon's protected wilderness areas.

VEHICLE INSPECTION (REVISADO)

Inspection of vehicles to obtain the 1985 license plates will end February 28. Inspection papers for all official vehicles should be sent to Lorena Gates, who will distribute the new plates when available.

To obtain new plates for personal vehicles, members of the STRI scientific staff can send a copy of their vehicle's inspection papers with \$2.00 to Elena Lombardo, who will process these, and distribute the plates when available.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING APO MAIL

The Procurement Office has been informed that outgoing APO mail should be delivered to the post office by 4 pm. Outgoing mail should be in the Procurement Office, at the latest, by 3:30 pm.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

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- Jan. 8 - Regular scientific staff meeting at 9:30 am in the Ancon Conference Room.
- Jan. 9 - Panamanian official holiday (Día de los Mártires). STRI offices will be open.
- Jan. 10 - Visit by Rep. J. Weaver to BCI.
- Jan. 14 - 18: Visit to STRI by Smithsonian Secretary Robert McC. Adams.
- Jan. 19 - 23: Visit by members of the Board of Trustees of the W. Alton Jones Foundation.
- Jan. 22 - 25 - Workshop on SYSTAT in the Ancon Conference Room.
- Jan. 28 - Feb. 4: Visit by Smithsonian administrative officials.

WORKSHOP ON PLANT ECOLOGY & ECOPHYSIOLOGY

From March 4-6, 1985, the Organization of Tropical Studies will sponsor a workshop in San Jose, Costa Rica on Plant Ecology and Ecophysiology in the Mesoamerican Tropics. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together biologists working at field stations in Mexico (Chamela and Los Tuxtlas), Costa Rica (La Selva) and Panama (Barro Colorado Island), and to promote communication and collaboration between researchers working in the tropics. The workshop will be conducted principally in Spanish. Persons interested in participating should send application forms (available from the Director's Office) by January 15.

FOR SALE

Two ceiling fans (52") with barnished bronze insets, rattan weave on blades and with light bulb, \$100 each. Contact Sylvia Churgin.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is still having problems with its air conditioning system. Hopefully, it will be fixed quickly.