

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, will be given by Don Feener from the University of Iowa. His subject:

Interactions between Ants and Parasitic Phorid Flies--Three Case Studies and their General Implications.

On the following Tuesday, November 25, the seminar will be given by Jurgen Hoth, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, on:

The Volcano Rabbit (Romerolagus diazi), a Case Study of Conservation in Mexico.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

November 8 - Arrived, Barbara Alexander and Henry Dykema from Cambridge, Massachusetts as research assistants in the Iguana Management Project.

SCIENTIFIC STAFF MEETING

The scientific staff meeting this month was postponed until Tuesday, November 18th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

ON LEAVE

Audrey Smith: November 14  
Otilia Perez: November 10 - 17  
Angel Aguirre: November 14,  
November 19 - 21

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN SEASON

As announced in Newsletter No. 44, Open Season this year started November 10 and will run until December 5, at which time enrollees (pre-treaty employees entitled to government-sponsored health benefits) may change from one plan to another, from one option to another in the same plan, or from self only to self and family.

There is a small supply of brochures in the Personnel Office for anyone who wishes to review and compare the new benefits and premiums effective January 1987.

Employees who decide not to make an enrollment change this year, do not have to do anything. The current enrollment will continue automatically. Those who decide to make a change, should request a SF-2809 from the STRI Personnel Office before the Open Season ends.

TEMPORADA ABIERTA PARA SEGUROS

Tal como se anunció en el Boletín No. 44, la Temporada Abierta este año comenzó el 10 de noviembre y terminará el 5 de diciembre. Durante este periodo, los que tienen este beneficio (empleados de antes del Tratado que tienen derecho a beneficios médicos patrocinados por el gobierno federal) pueden cambiarse de un plan a otro, de una opción a otra dentro del mismo plan, o de un plan individual a un plan familiar.

Hay una cantidad limitada de panfletos en la Oficina de Personal para el que desee revisar y comparar los nuevos beneficios y primas que estarán vigentes en enero de 1987.

Aquellos que decidan no cambiarse este año, no tienen que hacer nada ya que automáticamente continuarán en el plan que tienen. Los que decidan hacer un cambio deberán conseguir un formulario 2809 en la Oficina de Personal de STRI antes que termine la Temporada Abierta.

MORE PERSONNEL NEWS

NMU dues will increase effective December 1, 1986. The new rate will be \$4.61 per pay period.

TRAINING PROGRAM IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The International Center for Marine Resource Development (ICMRD) at the University of Rhode Island is offering a training program from May through June 1987 for senior and mid-level administrative personnel involved in training, education, planning, and development of fisheries programs. Course titles are the following:

Information from the Harvest Sector.

Microcomputer applications in Fisheries.

Minimizing Post-Harvest Losses.

USED CAR NEEDED

A mid-sized, air-conditioned, preferably automatic car needed. Will pay up to \$1500. Please call Rosendo Fraga at 62-2008 or 62-2009.

TUPPER BUILDING, DORMS, ATLANTIC LAB. AND  
OTHER CONSTRUCTION AT STRI

PUBLIC LAW 99-423—SEPT. 30, 1986

100 STAT. 963

Public Law 99-423  
99th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan and construct facilities for certain science activities of the Institution, and for other purposes.

Sept. 30, 1986  
[H. R. 1483]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution is authorized to plan and construct facilities for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

Research and development.  
20 USC 50 note.

SEC. 2. Effective October 1, 1986, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Effective date.  
Appropriation authorization.

(a) \$4,500,000 for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory; and

(b) \$11,100,000 for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

SEC. 3. Any portion of the sums appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act may be transferred to the General Services Administration which, in consultation with the Smithsonian Institution, is authorized to enter into contracts and take such other action, to the extent of the sums so transferred to it, as may be necessary to carry out such purposes.

Contracts.

Approved September 30, 1986.

LIBRARY NEWS

New books:

- ANIMAL WORLDS (Marston Bates, [1963]) QL50.B3X STRI  
THE BACKGROUND OF ECOLOGY: CONCEPT AND THEORY (Robert P. McIntosh, 1985) QH541.M386 1985X STRI  
CLOFRES, CHECKLIST OF THE FISHES OF THE RED SEA (Menahem Dor, 1984) QL622.34.D67 1984X STRI  
CONCEPTUAL ISSUES IN ECOLOGY (Esa Saarinen, Ed., 1982) QH541.C646 1982X STRI  
A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOOD HABITS OF SOME INDIAN MYNAs (AVES) (M. L. Narang, 1984) QL696.P278N21 1984 STRI  
THE ECOLOGY OF RUNNING WATERS (Hugh B. N. Hynes, 1970) QH541.5.S7H79 1970BX STRI  
ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF CULTIVATED ORCHIDS: AN ILLUSTRATED DESCRIPTIVE MANUAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORCHIDACEAE CURRENTLY IN CULTIVATION (Alex D. Hawkes, 1965) SB409.H39E STRIREF  
ENVIRONMENT AND ARCHEOLOGY; AN ECOLOGICAL APPROACH TO PREHISTORY (Karl W. Butzer, [1971]) GN741.B8 STRI  
FORESTS OF LILLIPUT; THE REALM OF MOSSES AND LICHENS (John H. Bland, [1971]) QK583.B64 STRI  
FUNGI, MAN, AND HIS ENVIRONMENT (Roderic C. Cooke, 1977) QK604.C633X STRI  
KINGFISHERS AND RELATED BIRDS (Joseph M. Forshaw, 1983-) fQL696.C7F73 STRIREF  
KOLIBRIER (Mogens Behnke-Pedersen, 1972) QL696.A558B41 STRI  
THE LEOPARD'S TALE (Jonathan Scott, 1985) QL737.C23S42 1985 STRI  
MEDICAL BOTANY: PLANTS AFFECTING MAN'S HEALTH (Walter H. Lewis, 1977) RS164.L475X STRI  
PATTERNS OF SURVIVAL (Lorus J. Milne, [1967]) QH546.M65 STRI  
PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES: AN INTRODUCTION TO THEIR CONSERVATION AND USE (Brian Ford-Lloyd, 1985) QK981.F712 1985 STRI  
REPRODUCTION IN MAMMALS (C. R. Austin and R. V. Short, Eds., 1982) QF251.A935 1982 STRI  
THE SENSES OF ANIMALS AND MEN (Lorus J. Milne, 1962) QP431.M5X STRI  
SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN ANIMALS (Trevor B. Poole, 1985) QL739.3.P66 1985X STRI  
SUBJECT DIRECTORY OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS Z675.A2Y68 1985 STRIREF  
A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE INDO-AUSTRALIAN ZOSTEROPIDAE (G. F. Mees, 1957-69) QL696.P298M495 STRI  
TERRESTRIAL PLANT ECOLOGY (Michael G. Barbour, 1980) QK901.B345X 1980 STRI  
VEGETATION DYNAMICS IN TEMPERATE LOWLAND PRIMEVAL FORESTS: ECOLOGICAL STUDIES IN BIAOWIEZA FOREST (Janusz B. Falinski, 1986) QK322.F33 1986X