

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

There is no noon talk scheduled for Tuesday, April 28. Check your bulletin boards for last minute announcements.

On the following Tuesday, May 5, the noon seminar will be given by JIM NICHOLS from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Title to be announced.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

STEPHEN PRATT is a new short-term fellow from Harvard College. He will be on BCI studying the foraging and recruitment behavior in two species of ants until June 30.

Arrived last week, MYRA SHULMAN, from UCLA, to study interactions between sea urchins and fishes. She will be at Naos and San Blas until May 12.

Also arrived last week, HECTOR GUZMAN, from the University of Costa Rica, to work on the oil spill project at Galeta and Naos.

JAMES KARR left for Washington, DC on April 20 on official business for 10 days. He will be presenting a seminar at Virginia Polytechnic and State University and participating in a workshop at the University of Montana.

April 26 - Arriving, FRANCISCO GOMEZ, program manager of the SI Man and the Biosphere Biological Diversity Project, to visit BCI and consult with S. Williams regarding the Hubbell Plot Study.

April 26 - Arriving, DAVID LEE, from Florida International University, to conduct studies of leaf optical properties on BCI until April 30.

April 27 - Arriving, LORI ACETO, deputy director of the SI Office of Printing and Photographic Services, to consult with the STRI Photo Department. She will be here until May 8.

April 27 - Arriving, HOWARD LASKER, from the University of New York at Buffalo, to study predators and defenses of gorgonian corals for two months. Also arriving for two months, MARY ALICE COFFROTH.

April 29 - Arriving, MONTSERRAT CARBONELL and CHRISTOPH IMBODEN, from the International Council for Bird Preservation, on a one-day visit to STRI.

April 29 - Arriving, FLORENCIA MONTANINI, Education and Research Coordinator for OTS in Costa Rica, to visit STRI until May 2.

April 30 - Departing, HENK WOLDA, to visit the British Museum in London, and the Ecology Institute and University of Leiden in the Netherlands. While he is there, he will also be attending the meeting of the Academy of Sciences and visiting relatives. He will be back on June 1.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no scientific staff seminar this month.

OIL SPILL NEWS

STRI will soon be formally awarded a contract for the study of the long-term biological effects of the oil spill that occurred last April at Bahia Las Minas. The 5-year contract is with the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Offices and laboratories for the project are being installed at the former Surfside Theater on Naos Island. The Galeta Laboratory and STRI house at Isla Grande will be used as field stations.

JEREMY JACKSON will continue as chief scientist. The rest of the staff includes:

BRIAN KELLER, project manager, arrives 1 June.  
KARL KAUFMANN and KAREN GOETZ-MOSS, data analysis.  
JOHN CUBIT, reef flat communities.  
VASSIL ZLATARSKI (arrives 3 June), and HECTOR GUZMAN, corals.  
MICHAEL MARSHALL and VICTORIA BATISTA, seagrass communities.  
RICARDO THOMPSON, environmental monitoring.  
CARLOS GONZALEZ, mangroves.

Other studies will be done by visiting scientists on a contract basis. They include:

STEPHEN GARRITY, snails and mangrove root communities.  
ROY CALDWELL and RICK STEGER, stomatopods.  
CHARLES GETTER, mangrove trees.

JUDITH WILSON is the secretary for the project at Galeta, and is in charge of that laboratory until the project manager arrives.

NEW EXIT CLEARANCE FORM

A new requirement has been established before STRI visitors can obtain their final exit and "paz y salvos".

In order to assist the administrative personnel dealing with departing visitors, a new STRI EXIT CLEAR FORM will have to be filled out by all departing students, fellows, visiting scientists, etc.

You must request the form from your facility's secretary ahead of time, get clearance from the departments listed on the form, and then take the completed form to Maria Lorena Ossa at the Tivoli Office.

See copy of form below. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Galeta _____		
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Car Keys		
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