

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

The noon talk scheduled for May 19 will be given by JAE CHOE from HARVARD UNIVERSITY. His title:

Lex as a Contestable Market.

On the following Tuesday, May 26, the noon seminar will be given by GEORGE LEDEC a visiting researcher from the Univ. of California at Berkeley. He will speak on "The Environment Policies and Practices of the World Bank".

The evening STRI staff seminar is scheduled for that same evening, May 26, at 7 p.m. All students and visitors are welcome. Dr. ALAN P. SMITH will talk on "The Ecology of Understory Herbs".

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

May 14 - Arrived, ROBERTO IBANEZ, from the University of Connecticut, on a Noyes Fellowship to work in Gamboa. He will be working on the reproductive behavior and energetics of glass frogs (Centrolenella).

May 15 - Departing, STANLEY RAND, for Washington, DC on official business. He will be back on May 28.

May 20 - Arriving, STANLEY TYLER, to work with R. Stallard on soil biogeochemistry and methane generation in soils. He will be on BCI until June 14.

May 18 - Departing, JEREMY JACKSON, for Washington, DC and Boston, MA on official business. He returns on May 27.

May 21 - Departing, JOSEPH WRIGHT, for a short vacation in the U.S. On May 30 he travels to Malaysia where he will be attending the International Symposium on the Reproductive Ecology of Plants. After the conference, he will visit the Pasoh Forest Reserve and other reserves in the area.

Other STRI staff who will be attending the International Symposium on the Reproductive Ecology of Plants are IRA RUBINOFF and STEPHEN HUBBELL.

GENERAL KUNA CONGRESS

Dr. Rubinoff spoke before the "sahilas" of 49 communities and the 3 Kuna chieftains on May 2 at the General Kuna Congress. Arrangements are underway to formalize the use of the STRI San Blas station and for a written agreement with the General Congress. Also present were Dr. Jackson, Dr. Robertson, E. Lombardo, A. Guevara and J. Ventocilla.

REMINDER

There will be no scientific staff meeting this month.

NEW FELLOWSHIPS

A program in Ecological and Social Influences on Human Reproduction has been approved by the King's College Research Centre, Cambridge, U.K. It will run from Oct. 1988 to Sept. 1992. About 4 fellowships will be offered, each for a 4-year period. Fellowships will be advertised in SCIENCE, NATURE, and others. Applicants for periods shorter than 4 years will also be considered, and space is available for those with independent funding. See your bulletin board for more information.

PROGRAMAS DE POSTGRADO

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- Sismologia
- Fisica de Materiales
- Geofisica de Exploración
- Oceanografía Física
- Ecología Marina
- Optica

CONGRESOS Y SIMPOSIOS

17-21 agosto 1987  
2do Congreso Latinoamericano sobre Ciencias del Mar, Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina, Lima Perú.

11-15 enero 1988  
1er Simposio Iberoamericano de Educación Ambiental, Temuco, Chile.

8-14 mayo 1988  
CONGRESO IBEROAMERICANO Y DEL CARIBE sobre "La Pesca y la Acuicultura como Propulsoras del Conocimiento de Nuestros Espacios Acuaticos y del Desarrollo Socioeconomico del Medio Rural". Fundación La Salle de Ciencias Naturales, Isla de Margarita, Venezuela.

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DONATIONS REQUESTED

GUADALUPE WILLIAMS is requesting a donations of old clothes and toys for the children of El Llano-Carti Road. Send items to Ancon.



A team of Canadian scientists, Gordon MacPherson and Henry Stockwell, have identified a tree which has puzzled Zone (sic) scientists for years. It is a handsome dark-green legume which dominates the roadside on the Balboa Train Station side of the Balboa High School, and along the Gaillard Highway north towards Albrook. The tree is a common ornamental on the Caribbean side of the old Canal Zone, as well. It has just flowered, and though the flowers are not very showy, they have provided the "crack for the Canadian wedge". Those who have asked about this tree, please note it has been identified as Erythrophleum suaveolens from West Africa (Uganda, Gambia).

The Medicinal and Poisonous Plants of Southern and Eastern Africa devotes four pages to Erythrophleum suaveolens, largely to its use in trials by ordeal, when - generally speaking - an accused person is given a brew of bark, seeds, or leaves (which have a weaker action) to drink. If he vomits, his innocence is held to be proved. If he does not vomit, he dies from the brew! It is considered probable that a larger dose is required to produce vomiting than is necessary to cause death, the size of the dose depending on the wishes of the witchdoctor.....As with many poisons, this has its beneficences. It is widely used in Africa in medicines and magic, to heal as well as to kill. (TAKEN FROM TREES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA BY E. PALMER AND N. PITMAN)



"Don't tell me... you ate the dog."