



SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

The noon seminar on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 10, will be given by JANE SHUTTLEWORTH and JUAN CARLOS DELSO from the Iguana Management Project. Their subject:

The Green Iguana in the Rural Community: an Example of a Community Based Environmental Education Project in Panama.

ABSTRACT: Scant experience and information exist about how to conduct environmental education with campesinos. This is despite the fact that campesinos are both a cause and victims of one of the great environmental problems of this century - tropical deforestation. We will discuss our work of the past two years in environmental education in Chupampa, Herrera Province -- 1) how the green iguana, an endangered resource, was used to create environmental awareness, 2) strategies developed to stimulate community participation in the project, 3) how environmental education compliments implementation of experimental management techniques.

NEXT WEEK

The noon seminar on Tuesday, November 17, will be given by JAIME CAVELIER, who is a Noyes Predoctoral Fellow from Cambridge University, England. He will speak on:

Are Pachyphylls Better Suited to Withstand Water Shortage Than Mesophylls.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Arrived last week, DEIDRE HYDE, from Costa Rica, to work on an educational booklet series for the Iguana Management Project at Ancon for one week.

November 9 - Departing, BARBARA CUSATTI, to attend Emergency Preparedness Training Course at the Smithsonian Institution, and other official business for one week.

November 10 - Arriving, STEVE GARRITY and SALLY LEVINGS, to work on the Oil Spill Project. S. Garrity will be here for 3 weeks doing field work on mangrove roots, and S. Levings will be doing a statistical consultation for one week.

November 10 - Departing, DAVID ROUBIK, for the University of Miami, Florida, as an invited speaker at the Biology Department.

November 11 - Arriving, ANTHONY KNAP, Director of the Bermuda Biological Station, for the Oil Spill Project's Scientific Review. Other members of the review board arriving this week are Robert Carney, Richard Dodge, Roger Green, and Yossi Loya. Representatives from the U.S. Minerals Management Service also arriving are Murray Brown and Gail Irvine. See Brian Keller if interested in coordinating a meeting with any of the above.

November 12 - Arriving, ANITA HAYWORTH, from the University of California at Davis, on a STRI Short-term Fellowship to work on the microclimate and heat budget of a high intertidal limpet, *Siphonaria gigas*. She will be at Naos until January 31, 1988.

November 12 - Arriving, ROSIE CRABTREE, from Harvard University, to work on plant biology on BCI until November 21.

SCIENTIFIC STAFF MEETING

Please remember that the scientific staff meeting this month will be held Tuesday, November 10th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

STRI HOLIDAY

November 11 is Veteran's Day and a STRI holiday. A liberal leave policy will be observed on November 10, which is a national holiday in Panama (banks, offices, etc. will be closed).

LIBRARY NEWS

The STRI Library will be closed on November 11, Veteran's Day.

DONATIONS

Although most STRI employees have sent their contributions to the 1988 Combined Federal Campaign, it will continue through November 16. If you have not sent your contribution there is still time to help those needed. Please send your generous support to Vielka Vergel, ANCON.

NOTICIAS IMPORTANTES DE LA OFICINA DE PERSONAL / NEWS FROM THE PERSONNEL OFFICE

Los cheques de salario cobrados el dia jueves, 5 de noviembre, fueron los primeros procesados por medio del nuevo sistema de planillas. Hemos notado visibles discrepancias en algunos casos. El asunto se esta investigando y tan pronto podemos verificar completamente el periodo de pago 21, se haran los ajustes del caso.

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The November 5 paychecks were the first processed by the new payroll/personnel process. We have noticed obvious discrepancies in certain cases. These are being investigated and adjustments will be made to correct them.

El Programa de Beneficios Medicos para Empleados Federales (FEHBP) para 1987 tendra su "temporada abierta" desde el 9 de noviembre hasta el 11 de diciembre de 1988.

Las subcripciones y cambios seran efectivos el primer dia de pago que comience el 1ero de enero, o inmediatamente despues de esa fecha.

Cualquier empleado que desee cambiar su plan medico o las opciones dentro del plan que ya tenga, puede hacerlo en las fechas mencionadas arriba. Para hacer cualquier cambio, comunicarse con la Oficina de Personal en Tivoli. Esto aplica a todos los empleados de antes del Tratado quienes tienen beneficios medicos Federales, y a todos los empleados norteamericanos.

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The 1987 Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) open season will be held from November 9 through December 11.

Enrollments and changes will be effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1.

Any employees who wish to change health plans or their options within a given plan may do so on the dates mentioned above. For changes in enrollment, please contact the Personnel Office at Tivoli. This applies to pre-treaty employees, who have Federal health benefits, and to all U.S. employees.

(PERSONNEL OFFICE continued)

Comenzando el 6 de diciembre proximo, MARITZA CONCEPCION ingresara al Federal Roll, trabajando en Barro Colorado como Secretaria, brindando apoyo de oficina y logistico a los empleados, visitantes y residentes de la isla.

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Starting December 6, MARITZA CONCEPCION will be on the Federal Payroll as Secretary at Barro Colorado, offering clerical and logistical support to the workers, visitors and residents of the island.

FUNDACION INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CIENCIA / INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE

La Fundacion Internacional para la Ciencia con sede en Estocolmo, Suecia, celebrara su V Asamblea General en la Universidad de Panama, del 8 al 12 de noviembre de 1987. Se ha programado un Seminario Cientifico en el que los becarios de la Fundacion presentaran sus trabajos de investigacion en el Auditorio de la Facultad de Odontologia. Para mayores detalles ver el mural de su instalacion.

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The I.F.S., based in Sweden, will be celebrating its 5th General Assembly at the University of Panama November 8 - 13. Talks on research work by fellows of the Foundation will be presented at the auditorium of the Facultad de Odontologia. For details on the program see your local bulletin board.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

GUADALUPE WILLIAMS is looking for a volunteer to assist with field work on El Llano-Carti road November 24-26. Food and lodging at Nusagandi will be provided. If interested, please call Argelis Roman at Ancon (Tel: 62-2014).