

## SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

The noon seminar on Tuesday, DECEMBER 1, will be given by DOUGLAS BRUST from Cornell University. His subject:

Maternal Brood Care by <u>Dendrobates pumilio</u>: a Frog that Feeds its Young.

ABSTRACT: Female strawberry dart poison frogs transport tadpoles from terrestrial nest sites and deposit them in water-filled leaf axils. Periodically they fed the tadpoles unfertilized eggs; offspring deprived of maternal care died.

That afternoon at 4:30 p.m., Dr. EGBERT LEIGH will be giving the first of a series of talks on coevolution between male secondary sexual characters and female choice. The talk will analyze Kirpatrick's Two-Locus Model. Further scheduling can be discussed then.

#### NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, December 8, is a STRI holiday so the noon seminar has been moved to WEDNESDAY, December 9th. DAGMAR WERNER and LINDIE NELSON (Cornell University) will speak on:

Different Models of Iguana Management and Economic Implications.

# ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Arrived last week, FERNANDO CORNEJO, from the Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina in Peru, to work with Joseph Wright on data analysis for three months.

November 28 - Arriving, GUSTAVO FARJI and CLAUDINE SIERRA, from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, to work with David Roubik. They will be at Ancon for three months.

November 28 - Departing, MARCOS GUERRA from the Photo Department, for training at the SI Office of Printing and Photographic Services. Returning December 12.

November 28 - Departing, JOHN CUBIT to New Orleans to attend the 1987 Information Transfer Meetings for the U. S. Mineral Management Services.

November 29 - Arriving, ANDREW HENDERSON, from the New York Botanical Garden, to work at the El Llano-Carti Road studying the reproductive biology of an understory palm.

November 29 - Departing, CARL HANSEN from the Photo Department, WILLIAM EBERHARD, HARIS LESSIOS, HECTOR GUZMAN and ARCADIO RODANICHE on a trip aboard the RV Benjamin to visit Isla del Coco, Costa Rica. They will be back December 10th.

November 29 - Departing, JEREMY JACKSON to St. John, Virgin Islands, to attend the Coral Reef Rehabilitation Workshop.

December 1 - Departing, JAMES KARR, on official business to Washington, D.C.

December 4 - Arriving, AMANDA VARELA, STRI Short-term Fellow from the Universidad de los Andes, Colombia, to do a microbiology study of the litterfall. She will be on BCI for three months.

#### INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The inauguration ceremony for the new BCI launch will be held on Monday. November 30th. The new launch will be in operation soon; the new boat schedule will be published next week.

### DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

ALAN SMITH will be acting director December 1-10.

# NEWS FROM THE BARRO COLORADO NATURE MONUMENT

In cooperation with the Policia Forestal, Alejandro Hernandez captured three poachers selling deer (75¢ per lb.) and peccary (\$1.25 per lb.) inside the PCC Dredging Division. Three shotguns were confiscated.

# GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The Garden Club of America is offering two \$5000 awards for predoctoral students to assist with field work in the area of tropical botany. Applications due by Dec. 31. Any student enrolled in a U.S. university is eligible. Send CV, transcripts, evidence of foreigh language capability, a 2-page outline of proposed research, a description of future plans, and a letter of recommendation from advisor to J. C. MacKnight, Garden Club of America Scholarships in Tropical Botany, W. W. F., 1250 Twenty-fourth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

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