

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

The noon seminar on Tuesday, February 2, will be given by WILLIAM DAVIS, Postdoctoral Fellow at STRI. His title:

Evolution of Monogamy and New World Kingfishers.

ABSTRACT: Preliminary results of field studies with Amazon and Ringed Kingfishers. Comparison of their ecology with the North American species, the Belted Kingfisher.

NEXT WEEK

The noon seminar on Tuesday, February 9, will be given by STEPHEN MULKEY from the University of Missouri. Title to be announced

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

January 29 - Departing, DAGMAR WERNER, to participate in the Costa Rica IUCN meetings and give a presentation on the Iguana Management Program.

January 30 - Departing, ELENA LOMBARDO and ARGELIS ROMAN, to attend the XVII Session of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) in San Jose, Costa Rica. GILBERTO OCANA, who will also be attending the meetings, will leave on February 2.

February 1 - Arriving, ERNEST WILLIAMS, from Harvard University, to develop a computer key for the lizard genus Anolis. He will be in Gamboa until March 31.

February 1 - Arriving, JAE CHOE, STRI predoctoral fellow from Harvard University, to continue his study of the mating system and social evolution in Zoraptera. He will be on BCI until May 15.

February 1 - Arriving, RACHEL LEVIN, STRI postdoctoral fellow from Cornell University, to study male and female reproductive strategies in a tropical wren. She will be at STRI for one year.

February 1 - Arriving, DAVID STERN, short-term fellow from Cornell University, to begin his study on the behavior and morphology of male Euglossine bees. He will be on BCI until May 31.

February 1 - Arriving, CHARLES HANDLEY, from the National Museum of Natural History, with R. CROMBIE, J. DEAN, R. DICKERMAN, T. GREENWELL, S. OLSON, P. ENGLE, and M. VARN.

February 1 - Arriving, STEPHEN HUBBELL, for one month.

February 1 - Departing, JAMES KARR, for Washington, D.C. on official business for one week.

CALENDAR

February 9 - Scientific staff meeting.

February 13 - 16 CARNIVAL. Banks and Panama government offices closed. All businesses closed on Tuesday, February 16.

February 15 - U.S. President's Day. STRI holiday.

February 25 - Smithsonian Fellowship Review Meeting.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Alan Smith will serve as Acting Director for February 1-5.

ON LEAVE

Agapito Gonzalez, February 1 - 29

TELEPHONE NEWS

Beginning on Monday, February 1, all persons using telephone numbers with the prefix 52- will not need to dial 2 first. Only six digits should be dialed.

DEADLINE FOR STRI FELLOWSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Thanks to the support of the EXXON Corporation, staff scientists, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting researchers can request a student or recent graduate from Panama or other developing country to participate as a field assistant in their ongoing project. The emphasis is on the experience and training to be gained by the assistant. Next deadline for receipt of formal request by Educational Coordinator is February 15.

Proposals for STRI Short-term Fellowships and Exxon Fellowships must also be received by February 15 for consideration in next Academic Board Meeting.

ASSISTANTS/VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

If anyone is interested in hiring a certified diver, fully bilingual, for a research project, MAURO ENDARA (Tel: 34-1768) is offering his services. He owns underwater cameras with audio, as well as underwater detectors.

JAMES SCHULTZ (5616 101st Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443) is a wildlife biology high school teacher who is interested in applying for a research assistant position in Panama, preferably with vertebrates. He is available March 6 through June 10, 1988.

NEW SOCIETY / NUEVA SOCIEDAD

La nueva SOCIEDAD VENEZOLANA DE ECOLOGIA tiene como objetivo principal la promoción del estudio de los ecosistemas tropicales. Su publicación ECOTROPICOS aparecerá pronto. Se invita a todos los interesados en ser miembros escribir al Apartado 47542, Caracas 1041-A, Venezuela. También se solicitan manuscritos.

CURSOS / COURSES

La Organización para Estudios Tropicales está anunciando su curso de Ecología de Poblaciones de Vida Silvestre. Es requisito ser estudiante en un programa de posgrado afin. Las fechas del curso son del 4 de abril al 15 de mayo. Las solicitudes deberán llegar a la OET a más tardar el 10 de febrero. (OET, Curso Vida Silvestre, Apartado 676, 2050 San Pedro de Montes de Oca, Costa Rica.)

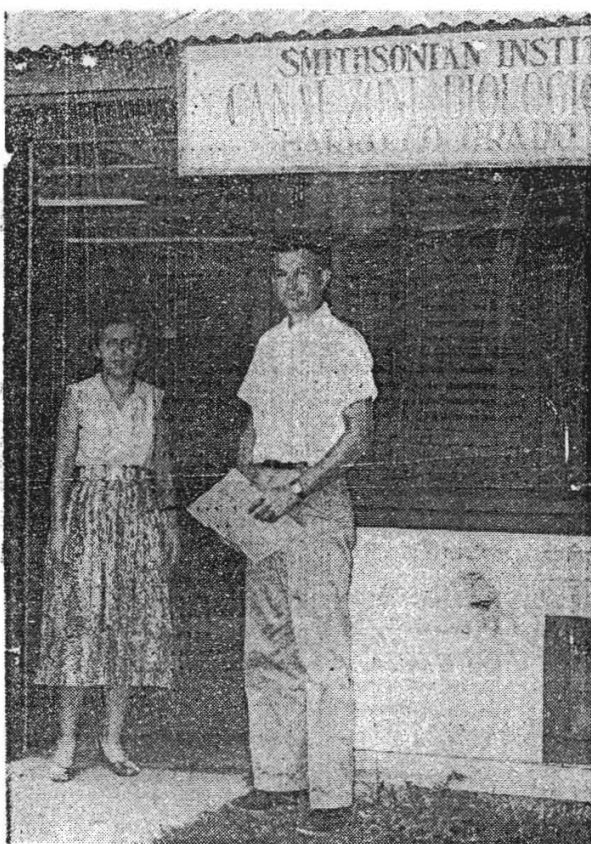
The Monteverde Institute is a non-profit educational association initiated by the people of Monteverde (Costa Rica) to administer cultural, scientific, and educational programs. Their new tropical biology program, which will begin in June 1988, allows students to explore all aspects of tropical biology while also pursuing specific interests through independent study. Application deadline is March 15. Applications and further information are available from the Council on International Educational Exchange, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017.

WANTS TO BUY

Used 35mm SLR camera with a zoom or macro lens. Nikon, Cannon, Pentax, Olympus. If have, call Claudine Sierra at 62-2009/6008.

REMEMBRANCES FROM THE PAST

(Circa ~~1968?~~
1958)



NEW OFFICE for the Barro Colorado headquarters—Dr. Carl B. Koford, resident naturalist, and Mrs. Adela Gomez, administrative assistant, stand outside the new home of the Canal Zone Biological Area at Balboa Heights.

★ ★ ★ Barro Colorado Hq. Moves From Balboa To Diablo Heights

The Canal Zone Biological Area has moved its office to Diablo Heights from Balboa. For many years the headquarters was located on the lower floor of the home of James Zetek on Amador Road. Dr. Zetek recently retired and was succeeded by Dr. Carl B. Koford.

The new office is in Building 5145, opposite the Diablo Heights clubhouse.

The Biological area is administered by the Smithsonian Institution, a U.S. Government establishment devoted to the "increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." In charge of the office is an administrative assistant, Mrs. Adela Gomez. Dr. Koford spends most of the week on Barro Colorado Island.

The island has been a wildlife preserve since 1923. Many scientists make it their headquarters when doing research in the tropics. It is the only tropical biological station of the United States.

Visitors are welcome on the island on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Those wishing to visit the reserve may make arrangements with Mrs. Gomez (phone 2,2485). A launch takes guests from Frijoles railroad station to Barro Colorado. There you may walk jungle paths and observe animals under natural conditions. A substantial midday meal is served to guests. The launch returns visitors to Frijoles in time to catch the evening train.

Visita de Cortesia



El Presidente de la República, don Marco A. Robles, recibió en su despacho al Director del "Instituto Smithsonian", Dr. Martin Moynihar, ayer en la mañana. El Dr. Moynihar efectuó visita de cortesía al Jefe de la Nación y, durante el acto, se encontraban presentes, además, doña Adela Tapia de Gómez, Administradora de este instituto en Panamá; el Dr. Cowan del Museo de Washington; y el Dr. Galler del Instituto Smithsonian en Panamá.

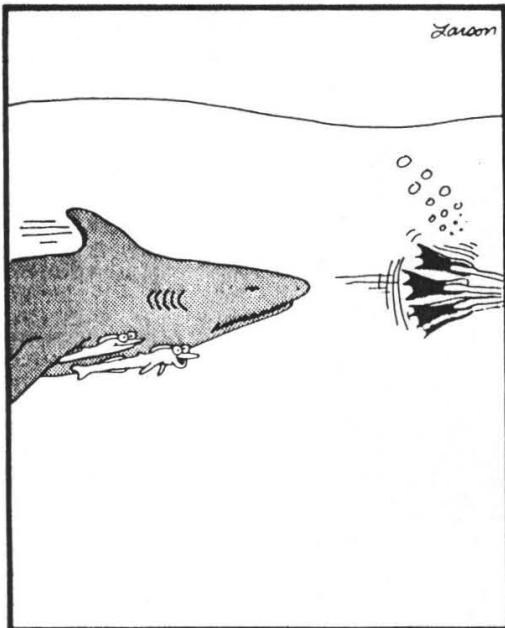
LIBRARY NEWS

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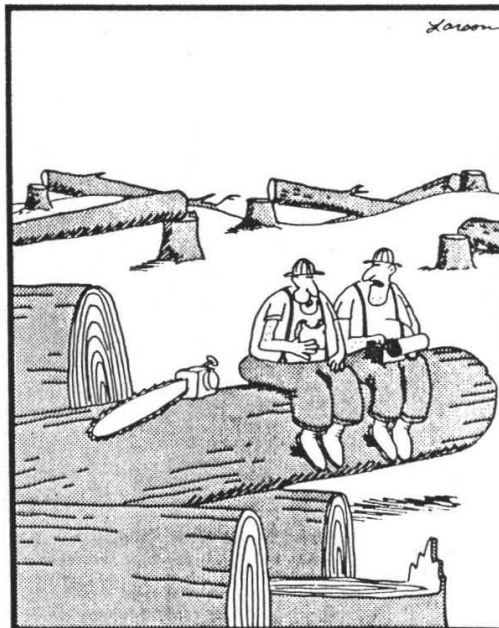
- ABSTRACTS OF SYMPOSIUM PAPERS, TENTH PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS ... (Pacific Science Congress, 10th, Honolulu, 1961) Q101.P11A1a STRI
- BIOLOGICAL RECEPTOR MECHANISMS (Society for Experimental Biology, no. 16, 1962) QH302.B61 STRI
- BIOLOGY OF FISH GROWTH (A.H. Weatherley and H.S. Gill, 1987) QL618.3.W36 STRI
- BLUE-GREEN ALGAE: CURRENT RESEARCH (M. Rodriguez-Lopez et al., 1974-) 4 volumes QK569.C96B63 STRI
- CELL DIFFERENTIATION (Society for Experimental Biology, No. 17, 1963) QH302.S67c STRI
- DEUXI'EMES JOURNEES D'ETUDE SUR LA PLONGEE SCIENTIFIQUE (P. Roy and G. Fredj, 1985) VM981.D48 STRI
- FLORA OF AUSTRALIA (Australian Government Publishing Service, 1981-) QK431.F632 STRI
- FOUNDATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTAL GENETICS (D.J. Pritchard, 1986) QH453.P75 STRI
- FUNGAL BIOLOGY (H.J. Hudson, 1986) QK603.H83 STRI
- INSECTS AND PLANTS: PARALLEL EVOLUTION AND ADAPTATIONS (P. Jolivet, 1986) Eng. transl. QL468.7.J6513 STRI
- INTRODUCTION TO NUMERICAN COMPUTATIONS (J.S. Vandergraft, 1978) QA297.V28 STRI
- INTRODUCTION TO PLANT POPULATION ECOLOGY (J.W. Silvertown, 1987) 2nd ed. QK910.S54 STRI
- MODELS AND ANALOGUES IN BIOLOGY (Society for Experimental Biology, no. 14, 1960) QH302.S67m STRI
- NUMERICAL METHODS FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS (R.W. Hamming, 1973) 2nd ed. QA297.H28 STRI
- NUTRIENT REQUIREMENTS OF BEEF CATTLE (Subcommittee on Beef Cattle Nutrition, National Research Council, 1984) 6th rev. ed. SF203.N976 STRI
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- PEOPLE OF PANAMA (John and Mavis Biesanz, 1955) F1563.8.B5 STRI
- PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY OF THE SEA AND ITS METEOROLOGY (J. Leighly, editor, 1963) GC11.M45 STRI
- SHOREBIRDS IN AUSTRALIA (Brett A. Lane, 1987) qQL696.C4L24 STRI
- SYMBIOSIS (Society for Experimental Biology, no. 29, 1975) QH548.S98 STRI

NEW SERIALS

CSIRO MARINE LABORATORIES RESEARCH REPORT 1979-1981



"Whooooooooooooo!"



"You know what I'm sayin'? Me, for example. I couldn't work in some stuffy little office. ... The outdoors just calls to me."