

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

No noon seminars scheduled for December 20th and 27th. Anyone interested in giving a seminar on these days should contact S. Rand or V. Vergel at Ancon.

ARRIVING

December 18 - January 14, DIANE DESTEVEN, University of Wisconsin, to study the dynamics of tropical tree seed production and seedling recruitment on BCI.

December 21 - January 4, BRIAN BOCK, University of Iowa, to continue his studies of nesting green iguana populations.

FROM THE PERSONNEL OFFICE

Two contract employees soon to be given federal appointments--

DIOMEDES ABREGO, BCI maintenance worker, on December 18;  
RAINELDO URRIOLOA, BCI coordinator, on January 15.

Felicitaciones!

REMINDER

The next paleobiology seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, at 4 p.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

ON LEAVE

Hely C. de Andrade, Dec 19-Jan 2  
Mercedes Arroyo, Dec. 19 - 26  
Mirna Fernandez, Dec. 23-Jan. 2  
Carl Hansen, Dec. 16 - Jan. 8  
Jeremy Jackson, Dec. 23 - Jan. 2  
Gloria Maggiori, Dec. 19-Jan. 2  
Elena Lombardo, Dec. 21 - Jan. 2  
Alan Smith, Dec. 19 - Jan. 2  
Nicholas Smythe, Dec. 15-Jan. 8  
Carmen Sucre, Dec. 16 - Jan. 6  
Vielka Vergel, Dec. 19 - Jan. 20  
Donald Windsor, Dec. 16 - Jan. 8

NEW BABY

FRANCISCO RIVERA, STRI computer specialist, and his wife MARIA LUISA welcomed a newborn baby boy on December 8th. He will be named FRANCISCO, after his proud dad.

STRI CHRISTMAS PARTY

The scientific staff and administration of STRI invites all personnel and associates to the traditional X-mas party on Thursday, December 22, at 4 p.m. in the Ancon Courtyard.

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El personal científico y la administración de STRI invita a todos los empleados y asociados del Instituto a su tradicional fiesta navideña, que será celebrada este año en el patio de Ancón el jueves, 22 de diciembre, a las 4 p.m.

FROM THE STRI BOOKSTORE

The 1989 nature calendars are selling like hotcakes. A new supply just arrived, but no telling how long they will last. Good Christmas gifts for \$10.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY STRI STAFF, FELLOWS AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Guzmán, H.M. 1988. Primer informe de un coral acropórido para el Pacífico Oriental: crítica a Prahl y Mejía. Rev. Biol. Trop. 36(1): 163-166.

Guzmán, H.M. y V.L. Obando. 1988. Diversidad y abundancia diaria estacional del zooplancton marino de la Isla del Caño, Costa Rica. Rev. Biol. Trop. 36(1): 139-150.

Lessios, H.A. 1988. Mass mortality of *Diadema antillarum* in the Caribbean: what have we learned? Ann. Rev. Ecol. Syst. 19: 371 - 393.

OBITUARY

GLADYS HARRINGTON died Wednesday, December 14. Mrs. Harrington, a resident of Panama City, was internationally known for her work to establish a standard list of Spanish names for the birds and mammals of Latin America.

ATLAS AVAILABLE

Instituto Geográfico Nacional Tommy Guardia has an introductory offer for the new ATLAS OF PANAMA. The atlas will be coming out in mid-January. Special price before December 31 is \$65; regular price will be \$80.

SEMINARIO DE BOTANICA DE LA AMERICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE

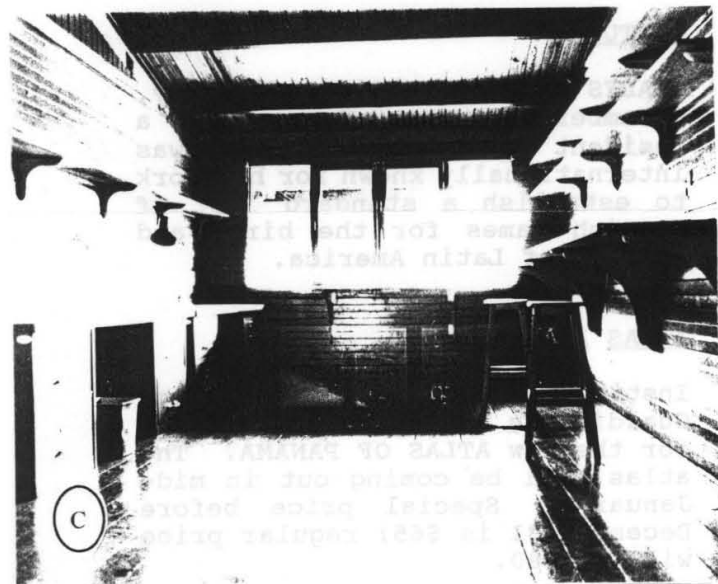
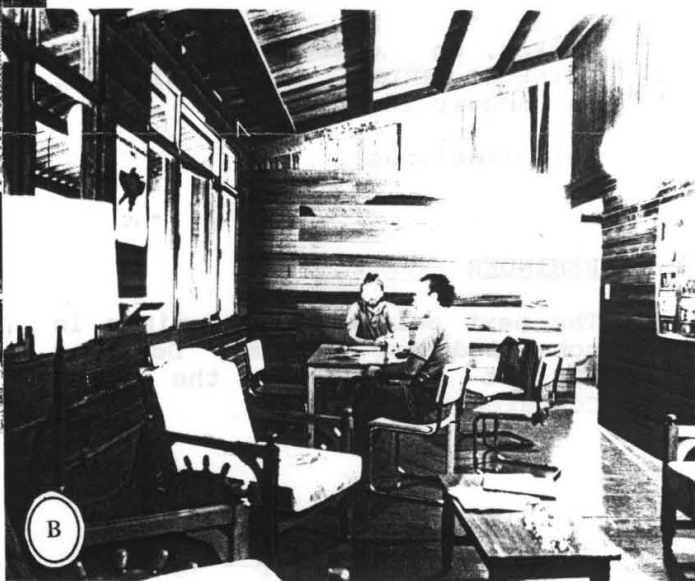
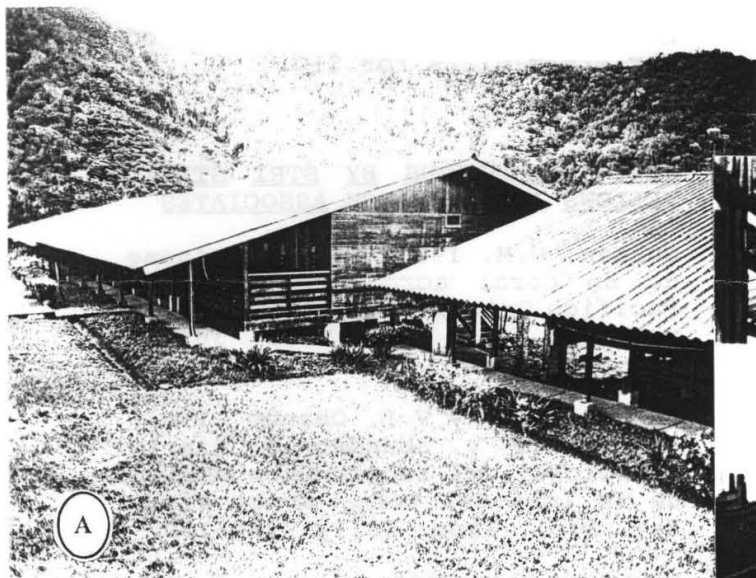
El programa de Botánica del Estudio sobre la Diversidad Biológica de las Guayanas y el Departamento de Botánica de la Institución Smithsonian están organizando el Seminario de Botánica de la América Latina y el Caribe del 16 al 28 de julio de 1989 en Washington, D.C. Tendrá lugar inmediatamente después de las reuniones de 1989 de la Junta Asesora Internacional de la Flora de las Guayanas.

Este seminario se dirige a los botánicos jóvenes que ocupan cargos en los herbarios de la América Latina y el Caribe. Para obtener mayor información, pueden dirigirse a Carol Kelloff, Depto. Botánica, NHB 166, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

NEW ORNITHOLOGY CENTER

The Government of India, through its Ministry of Environment and Forests, has authorized the Bombay Natural History Society to establish the "Salim Ali Center for Ornithology" at Bombay, in connection with the celebration of the birth anniversary of Dr. Salim Ali. The Center's objective will be to develop and conduct research in all aspects of ornithology at the M.Sci., M. Phil. and Ph.D. levels, organizing short-term orientation courses in specialized aspects and initiating applied research of direct relevance to ornithology. In addition, the center will serve as base for the regional field stations to conduct research in ornithology. The center will include a library, computer facilities, extension organization, auditorium, and education and seminar facilities.

A VIEW OF STRI'S NEW RESEARCH FACILITY AT FORTUNA



A- The building on the right is the new STRI facility, located in the town of Los Planes, Fortuna.

B-The dining/living room together with 2 bedrooms, bath and kitchen make up one-half of the duplex.

C-The lab area is found in the other half of the house, together with 2 more bedrooms and a bathroom.

Remember this facility is now available to conduct research in the Chiriqui highlands; reservations must be made through the Visitor's Office two weeks in advance.