



STRI NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF VEHICLES
AVAILABLE TO FELLOWS AT STRI

The two vehicles that are stationed at Ancon for the use of fellows are:

- the Subaru 4-wheel drive station wagon, which is for the sole use of the EXXON Fellows and
- the Ford Bronco which is for the use of both short and long-term fellows at STRI.

The grants that made possible the purchase of these vehicles commit us to these arrangements.

Fellows who use these vehicles should sign out indicating when they are taking it, to where, and when they will be bringing it back. The vehicle should be returned with at least 1/2 tank of gasoline, and the user is responsible for seeing that the oil level is O.K., that the radiator has water and that the tires are filled to the correct pressure. If anything goes wrong with these vehicles it should be noted in the log book and reported to Argelis Ruiz. Your cooperation with this procedure will be greatly appreciated.

SEMINARS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, March 18 will be given by Lani West of Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford University. The subject of this seminar will be:

"Prey selection by the intertidal carnivorous snail, Thais melones: sequential feeding attacks by individuals in a natural environment"

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

There will be an informal seminar on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the BCI Lounge. This seminar will be given by Dr. G. Gene Montgomery, STRI, on:

"Research on manatees at STRI; separate movies"

Please R.S.V.P. to Barbara at 52-2124, 52-2142.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Expected this week:

Dr. Rubinoff, will be returning from an official trip to the U.S.

Mrs. Gretchen Gayle Ellsworth, Ms. Edith Whiteman and Dr. Ronald Heyer, Office of Fellowships and Grants, to participate in the meetings for the selection of fellows for 1980-81. They will be here until March 20th.

ARRIVALS.....

Dr. Henry Howe, University of Iowa, for 2 weeks, to work at BCI on his project: "Ecology of a Neotropical dispersal system".

Dr. Alfred Gardner, MNH (National Fish and Wildlife Lab) and Ms. Adele Schultz, to work on the ESP Bat Monitoring Project for one month.

Dr. Robin Foster, University of Chicago, to continue working on the BCI phenology and tree mapping project. He will be here for about ten days.

Dr. Carol Augspurger, University of Illinois, for one month, to work at BCI on: "Factors Influencing Seedling Survival of Wind-dispersed Trees".

Ms. Bambi Thorne, Harvard University, returned to continue her pre-doctoral fellowship.

LEAVING.....

Dr. Merlin Tuttle, for one month.

Dr. Steve Hoffman, for a few weeks.

TROPICAL BIOLOGY CALENDAR

We are thinking of producing through the SI, a calendar featuring colour photographs of attractive subjects appropriate to our research interests. It should be easy to select 12 superb colour shots of animals and plants from among the many first class slides produced here by researchers. If you have slides that you would like to have considered for inclusion, please send them to Mike Robinson Tivoli Office. Since the object of the exercise is to add to our income, we cannot pay for use of slides but authorship would be acknowledged on the calendar. A monthly quote from the tropical journals of Darwin, Wallace, Bates, etc. might be appropriate to such a calendar; please send in any ideas on this.

N.B. Photographs of fascinating subjects such as spiders and snakes may be inappropriate because they are not universally admired.

All slides will ultimately be returned.

FOR SALE

Military surplus items: barrack bags, canteen nylon hammocks, web belts, mosquito netting, suspenders, poncho liners, mosquito head nets, ammunition pouches, camouflage jackets, etc. Call: 526689, week days after 4:00 p.m.