



STR I NEWS

REMEMBER THAT THIS COMING WEEK IS HOLY WEEK, AND THAT FRIDAY, APRIL 4, IS GOOD FRIDAY AND AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY. MANY PLACES IN PANAMA ALSO CLOSE ON HOLY THURSDAY.

SEMINARS

There will not be a seminar on Tuesday, April 1st. Please check your bulletin boards for seminars that may be scheduled at the last minute.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

MARCH 29 - Leaving Dr. Hindrik Wolda on an official trip to D.C. to attend steering committee meetings at SI. Dr. Wolda is expected back on April 4th.

MARCH 31 - Arriving Dr. Hal Black, Brigham Young University, with 3 students for a 2 week field course in Tropical Biology. The group will be at BCI.

Mr. William Belton, Secretary for the Americas for The International Council for Bird Preservation, has been visiting Panama since Wednesday, March 26th, trying to organize a Panamanian National Section of this internationally known conservation organization. Mr. Belton met with members of the STRI staff, and scientists at the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory. There was also a meeting of interested future members of the Panamanian chapter of ICBP on Friday afternoon in the Tivoli Conference Room. If you would be interested in joining or helping in the formation of the local chapter of this organization, you can contact Jorge Ventocilla at the Tivoli.

LOST & FOUND

Report any lost or found articles to Carmela Goben, who will post the announcement on the Tivoli Bulletin Board and make sure it appears in the Newsletter.

DISTRIBUTION

- STAFF
- STUDENTS
- VISITORS
- BULLETIN BOARDS

JUST A REMINDER

Have you registered your pet owl or parrot? As announced last week in the Newsletter you should register these or any other wild animals which you have as pets with the Wildlife Fauna Section of RENARE, before April 30. Registration forms are available at the STRI Office of Conservation.

The registration certificate will be a prerequisite if you should ever want to transport the pet out of Panama. In addition, if your pet is registered with the RENARE authorities prior to April 30th (pets may not be registered after the April 30th deadline you will be allowed to transfer ownership of the pet to another individual.

Captive wild animals or birds that are not registered by April 30, may not be bought, sold or exported. Any violations of this are subject to fine (and confiscation of the animal) by the Panamanian authorities, RENARE's Resolution No. DIR-002-80 which is already in effect has increased the number of endangered species of wildlife in Panama from 16 to 83, and stipulates that this species may not be hunted, captured, bought, sold or exported. Inspectors from RENARE are checking in places such as the Public Market to make sure that vendors are complying with this resolution.



"Say—according to our home computer, we're out of beer!"