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SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, **July 11**, noon seminar speaker will be LEO FLEISHMAN, University of Texas. See your facility bulletin board for title and abstract.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, July 18, noon seminar speaker will be TAMIJI INOUE, University of Kyoto.

Kin Recognition of Stingless Bees.

ARRIVALS

July 9 - December 15, MIKI DEDIJER, Cornell University, to study seed-set of *Virola sebifera* and the effects of density, light conditions and tree size on BCI.

July 11 - August 10, ROBIN ANDREWS, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, to continue work on population dynamics of vertebrates of tropical forest undergrowth.

July 14 - 19, ROBERT HOFFMAN, Smithsonian Assistant Secretary for Research, and Mrs. Sally Hoffman, to visit STRI.

July 14 - 19, DOLORES PIPERNO, to accompany Dr. Hoffman on his visit to STRI.

July 15 - 24, ALAN SMITH, to continue research activities.

DEPARTURES

July 7 - 17, DAVID ROUBIK, to Jalisco, Mexico, to participate in the workshop "Taxonomía e Historia Natural de las Abejas de Mexico", sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and U.N.A.M.

July 8 - 22, ROBERTO BORRELL, Washington, D.C. to participate in a training course in procurement procedures and then on vacation.

July 9 - 12, GEORGINA DE ALBA, to Bogota, Colombia, on official business to visit publisher of STRI book.

ON LEAVE

Don Windsor, July 10 - 28

PERSONNEL NEWS

FLOR CARVALLO begins July 30 as new financial clerk in the STRI Accounting Office at Tivoli. Ms. Carvallo has a B.S. in business administration from St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vermont.

ALEJANDRO ARZE begins August 13 as the new STRI security officer, with the SI Office of Safety and Security. His office will be located in the Tivoli Building, adjacent to the Director's Office. Ing. Arze graduated from the Univ. Federal do Minas Gerais in Brazil and has an M.S. in civil engineering from the Univ. of Illinois-Champaign. He comes to STRI from Ingenieria Stansa, SA in Panama.

REMINDERS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

This month's scientific staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

Please remember to send the Deputy Director one copy of all submitted manuscripts of scientific papers related to your research at STRI. This procedure helps keep track of STRI research activities and also to prepare timely press releases on appropriate forthcoming work.

BCI SEMINAR

JOHN WINGFIELD, University of Washington, will give a seminar on BCI this Sunday, July 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Control of Breeding Cycles in Birds.

Anyone interested can take the 4 p.m. boat to BCI; there will be a special late boat back to Gamboa that evening at 9 p.m. Please call Maritza Concepcion on BCI for return boat reservations by Friday, July 7, at 2 p.m.

STRI SEMINARS

JOHN CHRISTY is now in charge of the STRI noon seminars. Anyone interested in giving a seminar can contact him at Naos or Vielka Vergel at Ancon, and sign up on the seminar sheet posted in the Ancon bulletin board.

FROM PROCUREMENT

-EXPRESS MAIL through APO Post Office is back to normal.

-The Medical Materials Branch (MEDDAC) will be closed for inventory July 14 - 21. Please submit your requisitions before that date. -GABRIEL MARTINEZ, STRI procurement clerk, will be back to work on July 13. He was away recuperating from an operation.

Welcome back!

FROM THE STRI LIBRARY

TINA LESNIK, Chief, Acquisition Services, SI Libraries, arrived last week to be Acting Librarian at STRI until a permanent person is appointed. The library personnel would like to invite all STRI employees to meet Ms. Lesnik on their next visit to the library.

NEW APPOINTMENT

ALICE GREEN BURNETTE has been appointed Assistant Secretary for Institutional Initiatives, effective July 2. Since coming to the Smithsonian in June 1988, she has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for External Affairs and Coordinator for Institutional Advancement.

LOST SUNGLASSES

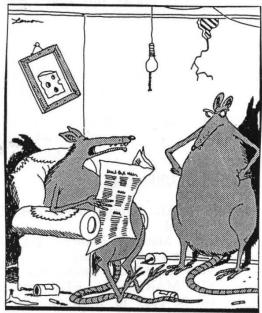
A pair of dark sunglasses lost at STRI (probably Ancon Conference Room). If found please contact Nancy Knowlton at Naos (Tel: 28-4022).

ASSISTANT AVAILABLE

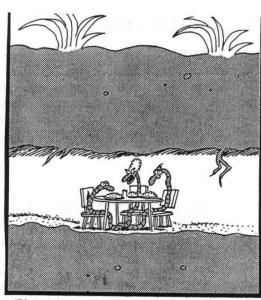
LOIS MORRISON (816 E St., S.E., Washington, DC 20003) is a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (BA in biological basis of behavior) working as an intern with WWF's Latin America and Caribbean Program. She is interested in working as a field assistant any time after August 15. Ms. Morrison has participated in the OTS ecology course and School for Field Studies primate biology course; she is a certified SCUBA diver.

LECTURESHIP AVAILABLE

The University of New South Wales has a lectureship available from February 1990 for an ecologist with interests in modelling natural systems and in interacting with colleagues working on natural populations and ecosystems. The position is tenured or tenurable. For further information contact R.H. Crozier, Univ. of New South Wales, Box 1, Kensington, NSW, Australia 2033.



"Clean it up? Clean it up? Criminy, it's supposed to be a rathole!"



"You eat your dirt, Billy. You want to grow up as big and slimy as your dad, don't you?"

GRADUATE STUDY IN NEMATOLOGY

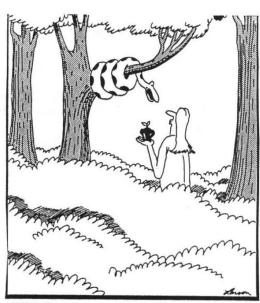
The Department of Nematology at the University of California, Davis, offers graduate courses and research training leading to the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. A student may specialize in Nematology through the graduate programs in entomology, plant pathology or other. The department has a teaching, research and extension faculty of nine nematologists, with research interests in systematics, taxonomy, anatomy and morphology, physiology, behavior, host-parasite interactions, ecology, population biology and assessment, insect pathology, nematode management, biological control, molecular, genetic and cellular aspects of nematology and extension.

Fellowships and scholarships are available; deadline for filing applications for assistance is January 15. The department has research assistantships for qualified students and faculty may have grants to employ students in various research projects.

If interested, contact Dept. of Nematology, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.



Suddenly, in the middle of the flock, the cook is goosed.



"Well, I'm not sure. ... I guess it's been washed."