

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, August 15 or 22.

ARRIVALS

August 13 - 31, RUSSELL GREENBERG, National Zoological Park, to continue work on the population dynamics of some understory insectivorous birds on BCI.

August 15 - 31, JUDY GRADWHOL, SI Office of Assistant Secretary for Research, to continue study with R. Greenberg on BCI.

DEPARTURES

August 15 - 28, ELENA LOMBARDO, STRI Special Assistant to the Director, on official business to Washington, D.C., followed by a short vacation.

August 16 - 24, IRA RUBINOFF, STRI Director, on official business to Washington, D.C.

STRI EXHIBITION ON TROPICAL BIOLOGY

Ira Rubinoff, STRI director, will be in Washington, D.C. to open the exhibit *Parting the Green Curtain: The Evolution of Tropical Biology in Panama* on Friday, August 18. A press preview will be held at 9 a.m. in the North Gallery (second floor) of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, where the exhibit will continue through September 17.

This bilingual (Spanish and English) exhibition is accompanied by an illustrated color booklet available to the general public. STRI's first professionally designed and produced exhibition was made possible by a grant from the Special Exhibition Fund from SI's Office of Museum Programs. After September 17, the 23-panel show will travel to Panama, where it will be installed in the new Tupper Conference Center sometime in October.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY STRI STAFF, FELLOWS AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

I. Rubinoff. 1989. The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. *Environment* 31 (5).

N. Smythe. 1989. Seed survival in the palm *Astrocaryum standleyanum*: evidence for dependence upon its seed dispersers. *Biotropica* 21(1): 50-56.

NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL OFFICE

NO new travel orders, except for BONA FIDE emergency requests will be processed after September 1, 1989, as part of closing down procedures for FY 89. Your full cooperation is essential, particularly this year that the Visitor/Travel Office will be re-organizing and moving into the new Tupper Building.

DEADLINE FOR STRI FELLOWSHIP AND ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATIONS

August 15 is the deadline for receipt by the STRI Education Office of applications for STRI Short-term Fellowships, Exxon Fellowships, and requests by scientists for Exxon Assistants, for this quarter. Awards will be announced the last week of September.

PERSONNEL NEWS

LUIS H. CASTILLO is the new Mechanical Maintenance Leader for the Tupper Center, beginning August 28. Mr. Castillo comes to STRI with more than 20 years experience in maintenance and refrigeration, with Aire Frio, S.A. He graduated from vocational school and has one year at the Technological University.

ERICK LAM begins September 11 as the new maintenance worker in the Tupper Center. Mr. Lam worked for two years for the PCC Electrical Division, and 11 years for private companies in Panama as a mechanic and maintenance worker. He has a 2-year engineering technician degree from the National University.

POSICIONES ABIERTAS

Se están recibiendo solicitudes para dos posiciones de trabajador(a) de limpieza (custodial worker) para el Centro Tupper. Favor enviar a la oficina de personal de STRI.

SPECIMEN EXPORT REMINDER

Whenever a package with voucher specimens is mailed to the USA or other parts of the world, a copy of the INRENARE or Recursos Marinos export permit (and phytosanitary or quarantine papers if the specimens are alive) should be placed in an envelope addressed to customs authorities, and attached to the package.

If this procedure is followed, when the package reaches the first port of entry customs authorities can verify that everything is in order and will let the package continue to its final destination.

VISITORS TO STRI

The US Girl Scouts (Panama) were given a tour of Naos on August 3. 4th grade students from the Celestin Freinet School visited Naos on August 8.

INRENARE personnel will be given a tour of BCI and the nature trail on August 11 and 25.

CONGRESOS / CONGRESSES

Octubre 1 - 6, 1989

XI Congreso Latinoamericano de Zoología
Cartagena, Colombia.

Coordinación general: Alberto Cadena,
Presidente/Vicente Rodríguez, Sec. Ejecutivo;
Universidad Nal. de Colombia; Apartado 93169;
Bogotá, Colombia; Tel: 244-3931 o 244-2855.

FOR SALE

1988 Toyota Corolla, 4-door, radio AM, with air conditioning. \$6,800. If interested contact Mercedes Arosemena, Naos.

FREE PUPPIES

German shepherd-mix puppies, will be 5 weeks old and ready for homes on or about 26 August. If interested call Annette Aiello or Ricardo Cortez.

CONSERVATION CLIPPINGS

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOUR STATE STANDS

When it comes to protecting the environment, how well is your state doing? Renew America, a non-profit environmental organization in Washington, D.C., has rated all 50 states, in its annual *State of the States* report, in the following five categories:

Drinking water

Includes: Conserving water supplies and keeping drinking water safe. *Examples of programs:* Protecting groundwater; quicker action against violators.
Winner: Maine

Food safety

Includes: Protecting food from contamination and reducing pesticide use. *Examples of programs:* Teaching farmers new ways to grow crops; laws defining what foods (and farms) may be labeled as organic; testing fish for contamination.
Winner: Iowa

Solid-waste recycling

Includes: Garbage recycling and waste reduction. *Examples of programs:* Curbside pick-up of recyclables; recyclable product packaging.
Winner: Oregon

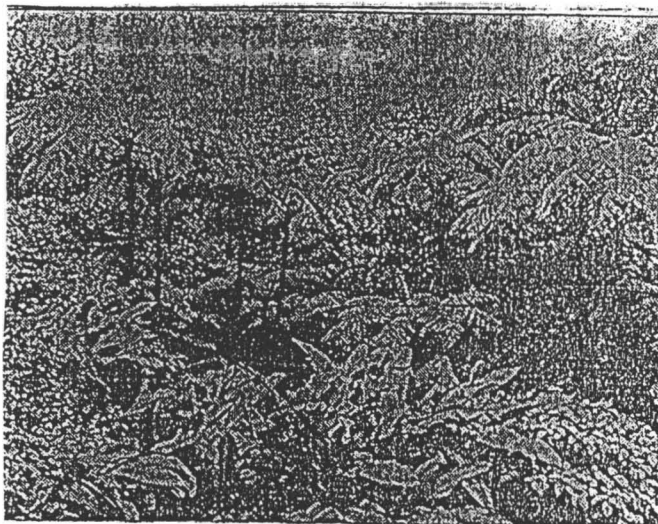
Forest management

Includes: Reforestation and wildlife protection policies. *Examples of programs:* Agreements between environmentalists and timber producers; mandatory reforestation after trees are harvested for timber.
Winner: Washington

Impact of growth

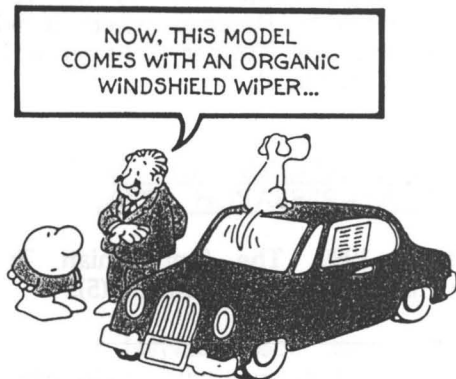
Includes: Measures to protect state resources while accommodating development. *Examples of programs:* Land-use planning laws, protection of wetland areas.
Winner: Oregon
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THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1989



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