

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, **September 26**, noon seminar speaker will be **TOMAS ARIAS**, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre, University of Panama.

Population Genetics and Pharmacology of Three Amerindian Tribes of Panama: A Search of Ethnic Identities in Drug Response.

Abstract: The last five years have witnessed a growing recognition that important differences exist among various human races in their response to medicines. These differences are mostly of genetic origin and arise, in turn, from racial specificities in the metabolism of drugs and other xenobiotics, which are likely to result from long-term environmental pressures. Panama is rather unique in that six genetically distinct Amerindian tribes, showing negligible admixture, of known divergence dates and living in diverse ecologies, inhabit a small geographical area. Therefore, their study has allowed us to address issues whose theoretical implications transcend problems relevant only to pharmacology and to the genetics of Amerindians. Results obtained from ten years of studies of four metabolic pathways, in subjects belonging to Kuna, Ngawbe Guaymi and Teribe populations, will be presented.

NEXT WEEK

No seminar scheduled for Tuesday, **October 3**.

ARRIVALS

September 25 - December 18, **DANIELS RANJIT**, Russel Indian Institute of Science, to study patch size and organization and vertebrate (birds/reptiles) response.

September 26 - 29, **PHILLIP REISS**, director, SI Office of Design and Construction, to visit STRI.

September 26 - October 5, **ANN MARIE JUNEAU**, Chief, SI Natural History Library to visit STRI facilities, meet with some of the research scientists, and interview the candidates for the STRI Librarian position. Interviews are scheduled for September 28 and 29, and selected STRI staff will participate.

September 27, **MARK** and **JUNE EAKEN**, University of Miami, to collaborate with Peter Glynn on reef studies in the Gulf of Panama. After the RV Benjamin cruise, they will carry out research on the damselfish-algal lawn symbiosis and its influence on bioerosion at Contadora until the end of October.

DEPARTURES

September 25, **TIMOTHY COLLINS**, STRI postdoctoral fellow, on a research trip to Bonaire, Netherland Antilles.

September 29 - October 9, **IRA RUBINOFF**, STRI director, to Ecuador to attend the meetings of the Charles Darwin Research Foundation and to visit Galapagos.

SPECIAL RESIDENCY PERMIT

STRI visitors are reminded to check the expiration date of their special residency permits, and advise the Office of the Special Assistant to the Director at least 30 days in advance of expiration date in order to make the necessary arrangements for renewal. Each visitor is **responsible for keeping official documents valid** and in order. Thank you.

STRI DIRECTORY UPDATE / NUEVA EDICION DEL DIRECTORIO DE STRI

All permanent employees, one-year contract employees, and long-term fellows will receive a form requesting information, such as address and telephone number, from their facilities secretary. This information will serve to update the STRI Telephone Directory. Completed forms should be returned by **October 6**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Se les notifica a todos los empleados permanentes, empleados con contrato de un año y becarios del Instituto que recibirán, por medio de la secretaria de su instalación, un formulario solicitando información sobre domicilio, teléfono, etc. Esta información servirá para actualizar el directorio telefónico de STRI. Se les agradece regresar el formulario completo a más tardar el **6 de octubre**. Gracias por su colaboración.

STRI LIBRARY NEWS

From **October 9 - November 10**, **ANGEL AGUIRRE** will be in the United States; during this period, the STRI Library will not be conducting database searches. Interlibrary loan requests will be on a limited basis, processed as staff is available. All outstanding requests will be processed during the first week in October; no new requests will be accepted after September 29.

If anyone wishes to meet with **Ann Juneau**, Chief of the SI Natural History Library, during her visit from September 27 - October 5, please contact **Tina Lesnik** at 62-6181 to set up an appointment.

CONFERENCIA MENSUAL EN INRENARE

Fecha/Hora: **28 de septiembre**, 10:30 a.m.

Conferencista: **NICHOLAS SMYTHE**

Título: **La Cría del Conejo Pintado**.

NEW FAX NUMBER

The STRI Procurement Office has a new fax number: **62-7022**.

MEETING OF COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS

The next luncheon get-together for those who wish to discuss computers and computer programs will be on **Friday, September 29**, at the Amador Officer's Club.

BCI SOCCER CLUB VICTORIOUS

On Friday, September 15, the Barro Colorado Island Soccer Club reaffirmed preseason speculation that it may be the team to beat in the ongoing Gamboa Soccer Championship; BCI beat the highly rated Electrical Shop Side 3 to 1. From the opening kickoff, the BCI lads dominated play at both ends of the pitch, outshooting their opponents 23 to 5. Gely Abrego opened the scoring moments into the first period with a booming free kick from near midfield. Rolando Pérez quickly followed with two goals assisted by José Sánchez and Allen Herre.

After some early second half disorganization that allowed an electrical shop goal, the BCI defense spearheaded by goaltender Pepe Hill, Carlos Gómez and José Berdiales stiffened and shut the desperate E.S. Side out. The game ended with BCI threatening even more scores.

This game was attended by over a hundred enthusiasts. The BCI cheering section was notably vocal. After the game, players and fans retired to the Gamboa Club for an evening of dancing, pizza and beer. The next game is Friday, September 22, at 5 p.m. at the Gamboa Field. Come out and cheer or just come out for the beer.

by Allen Herre

INFORME DE LOS AULLADORES DE BCI

Los asistentes y residentes de Barro Colorado han organizado un equipo de futbol, y están participando en un torneo de la División de Dragas de la Comisión del Canal. Los *Aulladores de BCI* han realizado hasta ahora dos torneos: perdieron el primero (1 x 0) y ganaron el segundo (3 x 1).

MIEMBROS DEL EQUIPO

José Sánchez (Capitán)
Carlos Gómez (Director)
Rafael Hill
José A. Berdiales
Gely Abrego
Artemio Correa
Raúl Ríos
Rolando Pérez
Eduardo Sierra
Allen Herre
Juan Carlos Roqueiro
Mario Santamaría

OCUPACION

Mantenimiento
Asistente de J. Wright
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Asistente de J. Wright
E. S. P.
Asistente de K. Kitajima
Asistente de N. Garwood
Científico Residente
Técnico de Refrigeración (Naos)
Guardabosque

DIRECTOR DE LA BARRA

Jaime Sierra

ASISTENTE TECNICO

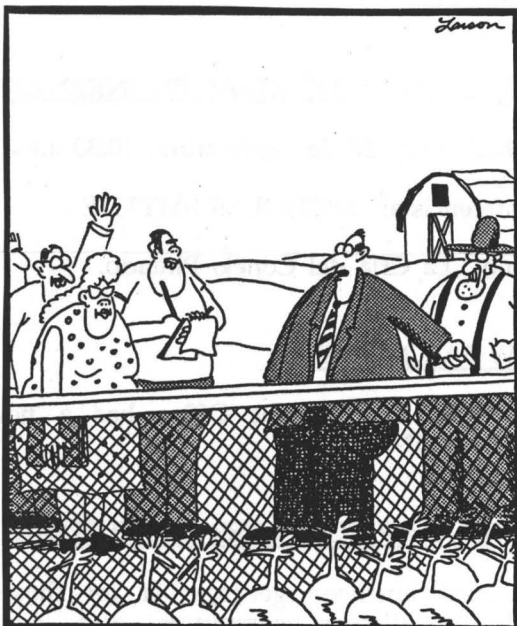
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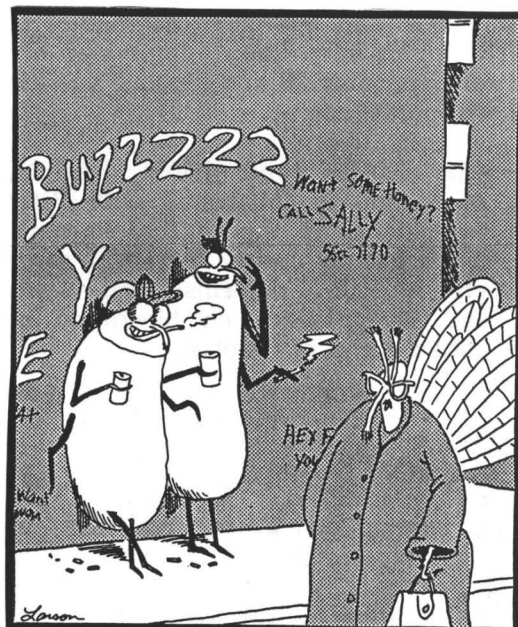
Marta Moreno

Apoyen a los *Aulladores* en su próximo partido el viernes 22 de septiembre a las 5:00 p.m. en Gamboa!

por Marta Moreno



Ornithology 101 field trips



Killer bees are generally described as starting out as larvae delinquents.