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S T R I NEWSLETTER

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SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, October 24, noon seminar speaker will be PHYLLIS COLEY, University of Utah.

Why is the World Green?

Abstract: Co-existing plant species on BCI differ dramatically in herbivory and defenses, with well-defended species tending to be slower growing. Models suggest this reflects the cost/benefit trade-off of defenses rather than a species' predictability ('apparency'). Comparisons within *Cecropia* also demonstrate the costs and benefits of defense by tannins.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, October 31, noon seminar speaker will be Kazuhiko Ogino, Ehime University, Japan.

Ecosystem Rehabilitation of Mangrove with Reference to Indo-Pacific Region.

ARRIVALS

October 21 - April 1, DOUGLAS BRUST, Cornell University, to study maternal brood care in *Dendrobates pumilio* in Bocas del Toro.

October 22 - November 21, MARIANNE EGLI, Basle Zoo, Switzerland, to study spider monkeys on Barro Colorado Island.

October 23 - January 15, 1990, MANOEL WHITAKER PACHECO, University of São Paulo, Brazil, to work with D. Windsor and R. Foster on the reproductive phenology and pollination of *Poulsenia armata*.

October 24, JOHN JONES, Texas A & M University, to assist D. Piperno for two months.

October 27 - November 1, KAZUHIKO OGINO, Ehime University, Japan, and Mrs. Ogino to visit STRI facilities.

POSICION ABIERTA

Se estarán aceptando solicitudes para ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN (TYPING). Es una posición grado 4 (\$14,067 anuales) temporal, bajo la supervisión de Carlos Urbina; la persona escogida brindará apoyo al Programa de Derrame de Petróleo, realizando funciones típicas de contabilidad, además de diversas funciones administrativas. Requisitos indispensables: experiencia y/o preparación académica en contabilidad, bilingüe, conocimientos de computadoras, referencias personales y de trabajo.

NEWS FROM PROCUREMENT

About vendors...It is important to know before issuing a requisition that the vendor will accept our purchase orders. In the past, we have confronted inconveniences with orders where vendors request payment before delivery. When this happens, orders will be delayed.

Missing any books?...5 physiology books from vendor Springer-Verlag are still in our department, with no information on requestor. Contact Mr. Martinez at Procurement.

IMPORTANT NOTICE / AVISO IMPORTANTE

All STRI employees who subscribe to the Mutual of Omaha medical plan are hereby informed that beginning January 1, 1990 Pan American Life Insurance Company (PALIC) will be managing this plan. With "open season" for federal medical plans approaching, we have tried to obtain more details on this change:

- 1- There is no material available yet for subscribers of this plan.
- 2- PALIC informs us the plan will continue the same as with Mutual. In January, they will distribute the new ID's to subscribers and inform of any changes that may take place.
- 3- The SI Personnel Office will mail printed material related to the "open season" as soon as it is available.

For more information, contact the STRI Personnel Office at Tivoli.

Se le avisa a todos los empleados de STRI que se suscriben al plan médico federal de Mutual de Omaha, que comenzando el 1º de enero de 1990, la compañía Pan American Life Insurance Company (PALIC) estará a cargo de administrar este plan. Como se acerca la "temporada abierta" para planes médicos federales, hemos tratado de obtener mayores detalles sobre este cambio y se nos ha informado lo siguiente:

- 1- PALIC y Mutual no tienen en este momento ningún material disponible para los usuarios.
- 2- PALIC informa que hasta donde ellos saben, el plan continuará igual que con Mutual. En enero, cuando ellos se encarguen, repartirán los nuevos carnets a todos y avisarán con anticipación cualquier cambio que se vaya a dar.
- 3- Nuestra Oficina de Personal en Washington nos enviará el material impreso relacionado con la "temporada abierta" tan pronto lo tengan.

Para mayor información, llamar a la Oficina de Personal en Tívoli.

NUEVA OPCION DE PLAN MEDICO

Si hay algún empleado permanente de STRI (no contratista) que esté interesado en obtener cobertura médica, se avisa por este medio que existe la opción de participar en el plan llamado IS Canal, cuyos beneficios básicos son los siguientes:

- Es un plan cerrado (médicos, consultorios, hospitales y laboratorios específicos, señalados por el plan).
- El plan sólo es válido en la República de Panamá.
- Cubre el 50% de los medicamentos recetados (sólo en las farmacias indicadas en el plan).
- Cubre los hijos hasta cumplir 25 años.
- El asegurado debe pagar \$50 por cada hospitalización.
- El empleado no tiene que pertenecer a ningún sindicato necesariamente.
- El plan no tiene deducible.
- El costo bi-semanal es \$9.98 por empleado solo, y \$31.50 por empleado y familia.
- Si hay empleados interesados, se pueden hacer arreglos de descuento directo.

Para mayor información llamar a la Oficina de Personal en Tívoli.

NAOS BOHIO



Located above the seawater pavilion, the new Naos Bohio and rock garden offers a bay view, cool breezes and a comfortable setting for lunch and informal social gatherings. Thanks to Ross Robertson for his ideas, Juan Campos for the design and many others for their labor.

BCI NEWS

Three poachers were captured on the Gigante Peninsula of the Barro Colorado Nature Monument on October 7 by GABRIEL ABREGO and RODOLFO SELLES, with assistance from ELADIO GONZALEZ and BASILIO MELA. The poachers were searching for dogs that the guardabosques had seized the previous day. A shotgun was confiscated.

ON LEAVE

Donald Windsor, October 20 - November 10.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY STRI STAFF, FELLOWS AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Piperno, R.D. 1989. Non-affluent foragers: resource availability, seasonal shortages, and the emergence of agriculture in Panamanian tropical forests. In *Foraging and Farming: The Evolution of Plant Exploitation*, eds. D.R. Harris and G.C. Hillman. London: Unwin-Hyman.

Piperno, R.D. 1989. A 6,000 year history of Amazonian maize cultivation. *Nature* 340: 303-305.

CONFERENCIA MENSUAL EN INRENARE

Fecha/Hora: **26 de octubre**, 10:30 a.m.

Conferencista: MIREYA CORREA

Título: Estudio de la Flora de Angiospermas de Campana.

SERIE FINAL DEL TORNEO DE FUTBOL DE LA DIVISION DE DRAGAS

Viernes, 20 octubre

Aulladores vs Electric Shop 4 p.m.
Flash vs Deportivo Cajar 5 p.m.

Miércoles, 25 octubre

Cajar vs Electric Shop 4 p.m.
Aulladores vs Flash 5 p.m.

Viernes, 27 octubre

Flash vs Electric Shop 4 p.m.
Aulladores vs Deportivo Cajar 5 p.m.

MEETING OF COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS

Date/Time: **October 27**, Noon

Place: Quarry Heights Officers' Club

