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SEMINARS

Tupper Center Auditorium

Tuesday, February 6, noon seminar speaker will be Jorge Ventocilla, STRI Education Office.

La cacería entre los Kunas de Cangandi: un informe preliminar.

Resumen: De junio a diciembre de 1989 el autor estuvo realizando una investigación de campo en la mayor y más alejada de las comunidades Kunas establecidas en tierra firme de la Comarca. En esta conferencia se presentarán una serie de observaciones sobre la cacería y su relación con otras manifestaciones culturales. Además, se describe como la vida con los Kunas fue llevando al investigador de los campos de la Biología a los de Antropología.

Next week

Tuesday, February 13, noon seminar speaker will be William Ramirez, Universidad de Costa Rica. Title to be announced.

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Martha Prada, Universidad de Bogotá, February 1 - April 30, on an Exxon Assistantship to participate in various oil spill projects.
- Ernesto Yallico, Universidad Agraria La Molina, February 1 - April 30, to work with Robin Foster on an Exxon Assistantship on BCI.
- Tyana Wachter, February 5 - 28, to work with Robin Foster on recruitment, growth, mortality and sex of trees and shrubs on BCI.
- Dean Anderson, Undersecretary of the Smithsonian, February 5 - 9, to visit STRI facilities. Mr. Anderson, who has a BA in political science and an MBA from Berkeley, has been working at the Smithsonian Institution since 1973, and in his present position since 1985.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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◆February 13 - The regular scientific staff meeting for February 1990 will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Tupper Meeting Room.

◆February 15 - Application deadline for this quarter for Exxon fellowships and assistantships, and STRI short-term fellowships.

◆February 19 - The celebration of Washington's birthday is a STRI holiday.

◆February 27 - Carnival Tuesday is a Panamanian holiday, although carnival will not be celebrated this year.

◆February 28 - *Review Meeting for SI Fellowships in Tropical Biology.*

March 1990

◆March 26 - 29, OTS Executive Committee Meeting will take place at STRI.

◆March 27 - Dedication of Earl S. Tupper Research and Conference Center. Present will be Secretary Adams, Asst. Secretary for Research Robert Hoffmann, members of the Tupper family, members of the SI Board of Regents and officials of the Panamanian government.

◆March 28 - Dedication by Secretary Adams of new dormitories and dining/conference facilities on Barro Colorado Island.

Boda / Wedding Bells

Isis Estribí, secretaria de la Oficina de Visitantes, se casó con Dean Ivancic el pasado viernes, 26 de enero. Nuestras más sinceras felicitaciones.

On Leave

Nicolás Almanza, January 22 - March 5, 1990.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Vehicle 'Revisado'

Vehicles do not have to go through car inspection this year; car plates will be available in March.

Reminder

Please 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 prepare timely press releases on appropriate forthcoming work.

From Procurement

- Requisitions will not be processed during the week of February 5 since the Procurement Office will be moving to the Tupper Building.
- Express Mail is still not available.

News from B.C.N.M.

Poachers quickly took advantage of the recent evacuation of the Barro Colorado Nature Monument (BCNM). STRI personnel returned to the BCNM on December 27. The next day deer entrails and a hunting knife were found on BCI, and four poachers were apprehended on the Bohio Peninsula by STRI 'guardabosques' Pablo Rodríguez and Juan Barría. On January 15, three more poachers were apprehended with 18 adult iguanas by STRI 'guardabosques' Juan Barría and Vicente Jaramillo. All seven poachers were from the town of Limón, which is the source of 75% of the poachers captured in the BCNM.

Visitors to Naos Facility

Any person who needs to enter Naos but does not have a STRI ID should request a letter of authorization from the Visitor's Office in the Tupper Building.

Changes at Tivoli

Movement of STRI personnel from Tivoli to Tupper has allowed the following changes within the Tivoli Building:

- The Personnel Office (Carmen Sucre and Maritza Perurena) have moved to the first floor (Gilberto Ocaña's old office), extension 223.
- Leopoldo Leon, Budget Analyst, has moved into Gloria Maggiori's old office, extension 225.
- Alejandro Arze, Security Officer, has moved to the basement (Carmen Sucre's old office), extension 234.

Procedure for Clearance of Research outside STRI

☞ Indicate on the location map (available from your facility secretary) the site(s) where you wish to conduct research. •Submit this map to Alejandro Arze, Security Office, who will forward it to the US/PPF offices for updated information on the situation in these areas. •Clearance may take 5-7 days.

☞ Submit form for Certification Letter (available from facility secretary) to Mrs. Elena Lombardo, Special Assistant to the Director. Allow 3 days for certification.

☞ A day or two in advance of departure, contact U.S. Military 86-6589 • 86-4356 • 86-6232 and provide them with the information on Who, Where, When. They will give you the name of the person you should report to on arrival at your research site(s). •Also, confirm your departure with your facility secretary and give all the details.

☞ On arrival at your site, report to the person indicated by the U.S. Military. •On return to your STRI facility, check-in with the secretary.

☞ Most important of all USE COMMON SENSE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ultimas Noticias sobre el Panama Canal Area Benefit Plan

■La Pan American Life Insurance asumió el programa de Beneficios del Area Canalera desde el 1ero de enero, reemplazando a la Mutua de Omaha. Sus oficinas están ubicadas en el edificio del Banco de Boston, en Vía España, frente al Hotel El Panama Hilton, y atienden al público de 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Tel. 63-8711, 63-8712, 63-8721).

■En las clínicas designadas por la compañía (•Panamá: Centros Médicos Pasteur, Paitilla, Alexander Fleming, Bella Vista; Clinicas Juan M. Arosemena, Metropolitana, Puerta, San Fernando, Boyd, Ricardo Velásquez, Revar, Mendogonbru, Hospitales Rio Abajo, Santa Fe; Meddac; Instituto de Microcirugía Ocular. •Colón: Centro Médico Caribe, Hospital Samaritano y Clínica Virgen de Lourdes. •Chorrera: Hospital Panamericano) tienen los nuevos formularios de reclamo, y los beneficiarios sólo deberán firmar cuando reciben el servicio. Si el beneficiario se atiende en otro lugar deberá pagar en efectivo, y el médico debe llenar la hoja de reclamo para poderla presentar en las oficinas de la Pan American.

■Los beneficiarios deberán seguir usando sus viejas tarjetas de identificación de la Mutua de Omaha hasta mediados de febrero.

From the Photo Lab

Due to problems with new installations, the Photo Lab will be 'down' for two more weeks.

Congresos / Conferencias

El *II Congreso Latinoamericano de Ficología Marina* tendrá lugar del 5-9 de febrero de 1990 en la Univ. Nacional Federico Villarreal, Lima, Perú. Inscripciones: \$25 participantes, \$10 estudiantes. Dirigirse al Comité Organizador, Facultad de Oceanografía, Pesquería y Ciencias Alimentarias, Univ. Nac. Federico Villarreal, Jr. Francia No. 726, Miraflores, Lima 18, Perú, Tel: 452-087.

New Publications Resulting from Work at STRI

Wolda, Henk. 1989. The equilibrium concept and density dependence tests: what does it all mean? *Oecologia* 81: 430-432.

**Cumpleaños de Febrero**

Moynihan, Martin	5
Navarro, Eduardo	6
Correa, Mireya	6
Zelaya, Gloria	7
Kaufmann, Karl	8
Borrell, Roberto	10
Estribí, Isis	12
Cortez, Ricardo	14
De Alba, Georgina	15
Dillon, Walter	18
Foster, Robin	18
Smith, Una	20
Ocaña, Gilberto	22
González, Alvaro	27
Chamorro, Consul	28
Chang-Yau, Vielka	29

Position Available

The University of Oklahoma Biological Station has available a tenure-track research position in aquatic ecology. Ph.D. required. Applicants should send a complete curriculum vitae, reprints of publications, description of research interests, and four letters of recommendation to Dr. Loren G. Hill, Director, Biological Station, Kingston, OK 73439 (Tel: 1-404-564-2463). For more information, see your local bulletin board.

Ayuda para los Refugiados de Albrook

En una reunión reciente convocada por Teresita de Arias, esposa del 1er vicepresidente de la República, se nos informó que las personas interesadas en prestar su ayuda a los centenares de refugiados del campamento de Albrook deben hacerlo a través de las varias instituciones que ya tienen sus programas en marcha. De esta forma se creará un plan de ayuda sistemático y coordinado. Se agradece de antemano cualquier cooperación.

Assistance for the Refugees from El Chorillo

At a recent meeting, Teresita de Arias, wife of the first vice-president, informed us that persons wishing to assist the hundreds of refugees living in the Albrook camp should do so through groups already working there. A coordinated assistance plan can thus be set up. All assistance is gratefully accepted.

Club Rotario, Panamá-Sur

Tel: 64-9642

Galería Marbella, frente a Felipe Motta

Horario: lunes a viernes, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Preguntar por Julia.

Se acepta ropa y zapatos clasificados para niñas, niños, hombres y mujeres.

Casa Alianza de Panamá

Tels: 62-7133, 62-7212

Frente a Plaza Catedral

Preguntar por Ana de Montero.

Están aceptando ropa, zapatos y donaciones en efectivo. Además están trabajando en programas de recreación y educación para niños.

