



STRI NEWS

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE NATIONAL CENSUS

Sunday, May 11, 1980 is National Census Day in the Republic of Panama. If you live outside the former Canal Zone area, you and your dependents will not be able to leave your home until a census taker visits your house. If you must report to work that Sunday, a letter to that effect should be requested from your supervisor so that you can report to the appropriate office for a Preliminary Census (from May 7 - 10). If you live in the former Canal Zone area, STRI will report tags your information in writing and identification will be provided in case you wish to leave your house during that day.

ANUNCIO IMPORTANTE SOBRE EL CENSO NACIONAL

El domingo, 11 de mayo de 1980 es el día del Censo Nacional en la República de Panamá. Si Ud. vive fuera de la antigua Zona del Canal, Ud. y sus dependientes no podrán salir de su casa hasta que empadronador los visite. Si Ud. tiene que trabajar ese domingo, 11 de mayo, solicite una carta de certificación para tal efecto de su supervisor la cual le permitirá reportarse para un Censo Preliminar en la oficina del Censo correspondiente a su distrito (del 7 - 10 de mayo). Si Ud. reside en la antigua Zona del Canal STRI reportará por escrito la información correspondiente directamente y se le entregará una contraseña para que se pueda movilizar el día 11.

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NEW APPOINTMENT AT STRI

Dr. Gilberto Ocaña has recently been appointed to the position of Superintendent of the Barro Colorado Nature Monument at STRI. Dr. Ocaña is the former Dean of the School of Agronomy of the University of Panama. He received his Ph.D. in plant pathology from the University of California at Riverside. He is a native of Panama and has had considerable experience in land management. As Superintendent of the Barro Colorado Nature Monument he will be responsible for drawing up a Master Plan for the educational and research utilization of the new areas under STRI custodianship as well as for their protection and preservation.

Dr. Ocaña will officially "come on board" on May 19th. We welcome him to STRI and wish him every success in his important new appointment.

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SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, May 6, will be given by Kim Steiner, University of California, Davis, who will speak on:

SEMINAR (CONT.)

"Pollination ecology of a bat and possum-visited Euphorb: Mabea occidentalis

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room, \*\*\*\*\*

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Arriving this week:

Dr. Ross Robertson, after an extended stay in Palau.

Dr. Dave Janos, Univ. of Miami and Ms. Laurie McHargue, to continue their projects: "The influence of vesicular-arbuscular mycorrhizae on plant succession" and "The mycorrhizal ecology of Achlorophyllous vascular plants". They will be at BCI until late August.

Dr. Victoria Sork, Univ. of Missouri, for one month to continue research on "Seed dispersal by mammals of a common understory tree, Gustavia superba," at BCI

Leaving:

Dr. Robert Trivers, who has been invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in a symposium at the Smithsonian Institution. He will also present seminars at the Univ. of New Mexico and at the Univ. of California, Santa Cruz. Dr. Trivers will be returning to STRI on May 23rd.

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VOLUNTEER AVAILABLE

Sophomore, high school student who will be in the area, visiting from the U.S. during the month of June, offers her services as a volunteer to anyone at STRI who needs a "helper". For further information, please call Ms. Pilote at 52-2776 (home), 52-7152 (work).

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Copy of Ecology by Ricklefs, and Folding pocket-knife, red plastic handle, stainless steel. If found, please contact Dr. Neal Smith.

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SECURITY PROBLEMS

During the past week, 2 cars belonging to members of the STRI staff parked at the Tivoli Building were broken into. The following numbers should be called immediately if you happen to see any problem of security around the Tivoli Bldg. These are the numbers of the Guardia Nacional Patrol for this area: 22-6040  
22-6041

NOTE

Mrs. G. de Alba will be leaving on maternity leave as of today and returning in July. If you should have anything you would like to publish in the Newsletter, please send it to Mrs. Deloris Highsmith at the Tivoli.

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

Two additional apartments at Gamboa are now available for occupancy. These are one-bedroom apartments 0258 B&C. If you are interested in either of these apartments please call Mrs. Adela Gomez or Elena at the Tivoli.

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Key No. 32 to Mrs. Arilla Kourany's office in the Tivoli. Please check and see if you by chance have it in your pocket. AHK

ARTICLE OF INTEREST

Take a look at the "Questions and Answers" Section of The Smithsonian Torch for May, 1980, where Madeleine Jacobs interviews BCI's Barbara Butler. Knowing all the excitement and mini-crises that Barbara has had to go through at BCI, she still has "the spirit"; and when Jacobs asks her: "Is there anything about your job you don't like?" she answers: "Really, I can't picture a better job....."

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