

# STRI newsletter

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SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, Apartado 2072, Balboa, Panamá

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## SEMINARS

### Tupper Center Auditorium

No regular noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, May 1. On *Wednesday*, May 2, José Luis Berroterán, IZT, Venezuela, will give a noon seminar.

*Areas de investigación en el Instituto de Zoología Tropical (IZT) de Venezuela.*

Next week

Tuesday, May 8, noon seminar speaker will be Emmett Duffy, SI National Museum of Natural History.

*Ecology and evolution of feeding patterns in herbivorous marine amphipods.*

### Barro Colorado Island

On Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., José L. Berroterán will give an evening seminar. The launch leaves Gamboa for BCI at 5:35 p.m. and returns at 8:45 p.m. Those who plan to attend should inform the BCI secretary.

*Análisis agroecológico en sabanas con suelos fértiles de los llanos venezolanos.*

## PEOPLE

### Arrivals

- Albert Bornesmiza, University of Costa Rica, April 22 - 30, to work as statistical consultant for the Oil Spill Project.
- Michael Braun and Gary Graves, SI National Museum of Natural History, April 28 - May 15, to do research on the molecular systematics of Panama highland birds in Fortuna.
- José Luis Berroterán, Director of the Instituto de Zoología Tropical - Venezuela, April 30 - May 4, to visit STRI facilities, present seminar and consult with staff.

- Enrique Moreno, BIOS-Colombia, April 30 - May 15, to work with Dr. David Roubik.
- John Tobin and Mark Moffett, Harvard University, May 1 - 14, to do research and photography for a National Geographic magazine article on canopy research and the research by Drs. Foster and Hubbell.
- Michael Pitts, BBC, May 1 - 31, to continue filming of "The Trials of Life", a natural history documentary series about animal behaviour.
- Rachel Levin and two assistants, University of Washington, May 3 - July 31, to continue research on reproductive physiology and mating strategies of the bay wren in Gamboa.
- Steve Garrity, Oil Spill Project, May 4 - April 4, to continue work on gastropods on mangrove roots.

### Departures

- ◆ April 28 - May 9, Dolores Piperno, to continue work at the University of Pennsylvania.
- ◆ May 1 - 12, Carlos Urbina and Leopoldo León, to take training courses on accounting and budget matters in SI Washington.
- ◆ May 6 - 19, Alejandro Arze and Alenjandro Hernández, to take training courses on security/protection, and observe game warden activities at other SI Bureaus.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- May 1* - "Día del Trabajo" is a Panamanian holiday; banks and government offices will be closed.
- May 1* - Deadline for applications to Regent's Publication Program. Proposal must be in STRI Director's Office no later than April 30.
- May 15* - Next deadline for Exxon and Short-term Fellowship applications.
- May 28* - Memorial Day is a STRI holiday.

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

**BCI Journal Club**

The journal club of BCI (T.R.A.S.H.) will meet Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. A launch will leave Gamboa at 5:35 p.m. and return from the island at 9:00 p.m. Paper to be discussed: Plomin, R. 1990. The role of inheritance in behavior. *Science* 248: 183-188.

**News About APO Mail**



The following hours were established by the APO Post Office for unit mail clerks to pick-up and deliver mail each day:

- a. Mornings 0830 - 1145 hours
- b. Evenings 1230 - 1500 hours

The Registry Section will operate from 0730-1200 and 1300-1730 hours Monday through Friday. Registered mail for local post

offices will be delivered to the registry section for dispatch no later than 1015 hours daily.

STRI's Procurement Department requests that you deliver your mail to the pick-up points in time for the department to meet the above schedule.

Mr. Everardo Curney, Unit Mail Clerk or an alternate clerk, collects/delivers mail as follows:

<u>Delivery/Pick-up</u>	<u>Hour</u>	<u>Site</u>
Pick-up	0800	Tivoli & Tupper Bldgs.
Delivery	1000-1130	Tivoli & Tupper Bldgs.
Delivery/Pick-up	1145-1215	Naos Complex
Pick-up	1400-1430	Tivoli & Tupper Bldgs.

**Reminder:**

The APO address should be used only for shipping/receiving research equipment and/or supplies and official mail. Smithsonian stamps, postage paid, franked envelopes and labels should be used only for official business.

**STRI Publications**

M. J. Scoble and A. Aiello. 1990. Moth-like butterflies (Hedylidae: Lepidoptera): a summary, with comments on the egg. *Journal of Natural History*, 24: 159-164.

**For Staff Scientists, Fellows and Visitors**

Please remember to send the Deputy Director one copy of all submitted manuscripts of scientific papers related to your research at STRI. This procedure helps to keep track of STRI research activities and also to prepare timely press releases on appropriate forthcoming work.

**News From Surfside**

The Oil Spill Project has a new fax: 28-4049.

**Tupper News**

Beginning May 21, telephones at the Tupper/Tivoli complex will change. Please take note below:

<u>NEW TELEPHONE</u>	<u>PRESENT TELEPHONE</u>
27-6022	62-3133
27-6014	62-3224
27-2830	62-1022
27-2886	62-3172
27-6027	62-3438
27-6028	62-3479
27-6026	62-3417
27-6025	62-3516
27-6015	62-3729
27-6016	62-3731
27-6017	62-3215 I. Rubinoff
27-6018	62-3227 E. Lombardo
27-6019	62-3053 L. Motta
27-6020	62-3109 M. Arroyo
27-6021	62-3049 Visitors
27-6023	62-3151 Library
27-5715	62-6474 F. Pascal
27-5779	62-6149 E. Fischer
27-3127	62-6181 C. Urbina
27-2878	62-6540 DISA*
27-4918	62-6716 Education
27-3174	62-6643 Personnel

\*to call after 5 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1990 Webb Fellowship Recipient

Congratulations to Francisco Rivera, STRI Computer Specialist, who has been awarded a Webb Fellowship for doctoral studies in information systems.

## On Leave

Keller, Brian	April 23-May 4
González, Agapito	April 30-May 29
Aguirre, Angel	May 4-27
Vergel, Vielka	May 14-June 8

## Jubilación

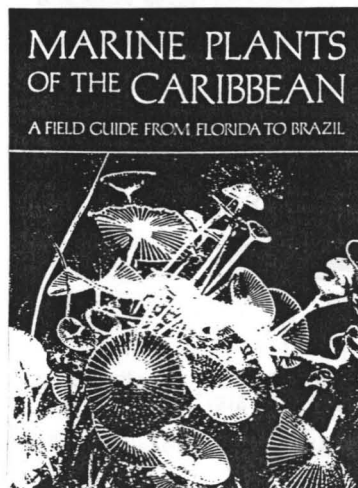
Pedro González se jubila el 30 de abril, después de 23 años de servicio en STRI. El Sr. González comenzó como obrero en la isla de Barro Colorado en febrero de 1967. Luego en 1976 fue ascendido a trabajador de mantenimiento. Su última posición ha sido como miembro del equipo de mantenimiento ubicado en el taller de Naos. Le deseamos lo mejor.

## Banco de Sangre en STRI

La Administración desea formar un registro de tipos de sangre de todo el personal, para poder brindar un servicio más eficiente en casos de emergencia. Favor llamar a Nereida Hernández, Tel. 62-3224, ext. 210, dando nombre y tipo de sangre. Aquellos que deseen donar su sangre, favor indicarlo.

## ¿Le Interesa El Ajedrez?

El Arquitecto Octavio Méndez Guardia ha donado muy gentilmente un juego de ajedrez para todos aquellos que deseen tener un momento de esparcimiento en las mesas con tablero bajo el árbol de corotú en Tupper. •Favor solicitar el juego en la recepción.



## STRI MiniBookstore News

The Mini-Bookstore has just received a shipment of *Marine Plants of the Caribbean*, by D.S. Littler, M.M. Littler, K.E. Bucher and J.N. Norris. This field guide sells for \$11.

## Cumpleaños del Mes de Mayo

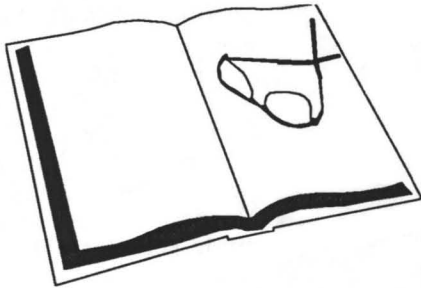
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## Book Donations

AIPEP (Asociación para la Propagación de Especies Panameñas en Peligro de Extinción) is organizing an *Environmental Library* at the new offices of the Metropolitan Nature Park. It will be used by schoolchildren and university students. Book donations are being requested (in English or Spanish), especially in the natural history field. If you have any questions contact Hortensia Broce at 56-6234 after 7 p.m.

## STRI LIBRARY NEW BOOK LIST



Air pollution and plant metabolism (S. Schulte-Hostede et al, eds., 1988) **QK751.I57 1987X STRI.**

The Biology of Euglena (DE Buetow, ed., 1968-1989) **QL638.F5B92 v.4 STRI.**

Cognitive structure and development in nonhuman primates (F. Antinucci, ed., 1989) **QL737.P9C54 1989X STRI.**

Cotton, the plant that would be king (BS Dodge, 1984) **HD9870.5.D63 1984X STRI.**

The Davis & Hedge fetschrift (K. Tan, ed., 1989) **QK95.T16 1989 STRI.**

Early Pliocene benthic foraminifers from the Salina Basin, southeastern Mexico (B. Kohl, 1985) **QE772.K79 1985 STRI.**

Evolutionary Biology, **v.24** (T. Dobzhansky and others, eds.)

The Fate of the forest : developers, destroyers, and defenders of the Amazon (S. Hecht & A. Cockburn, 1989) **SD418.3.A53H43 1989X STRI.**

Fluid physics for oceanographers and physicists : an introduction to incompressible flow (J. Williams & SA Elder, 1989) **QC145.2.W55 1989X STRI.**

Leaf venation patterns (EP Klucking, 1986-) **QK649.K66 1986X v.4 STRI.**

Mammalian parenting : biochemical, neurobiological and behavioral determinants (NA Krasnegor & RS Bridges, eds., 1990) **QL739.3.M34 1990X STRI.**

Oceanography and marine biology, **v.27** (H. Barnes, ed.)

Perspectives in neural systems and behavior (TJ Carew & DB Kelley, eds., 1989) **QP356.15.P47 1988X STRI.**

Protein sequencing : a practical approach (JBC Findlay & NJ Gelsow, eds., 1989) **QP551.F65 1989X STRI.**

Radionuclides : a tool for oceanography (JC Guary et al., eds., 1988) **GC10.4.R3R33 1988X STRI.**

Recent developments in insect neurohormones (M. Raabe, 1989) **QL495.R29 1989X STRI.**

Remote sensing of biosphere functioning (RJ Hobbs & HA Mooney, 1990) **QH501.R46 1990X STRI.**

Snakes of the world (KL Williams & V. Wallach, 1989-) **QL666.O6W455 1989X v.1 STRI.**

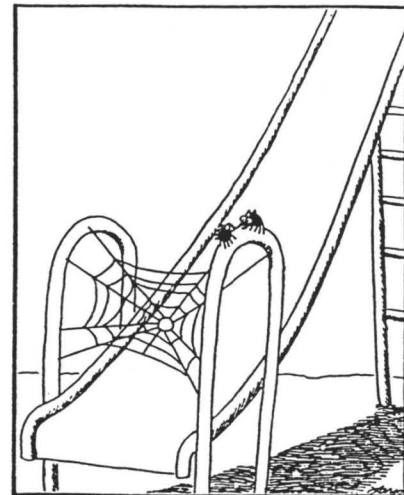
## From the Editor



*I don't think they're accepting any more additions to the newsletter.*

Just a reminder that the deadline for receipt of information for the newsletter by the Office of Education & Conservation is every *Wednesday, at 5*

## Humor



*"If we pull this off, we'll eat like kings."*