



## STRI NEWSLETTER

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### MAIL: ALL VISITORS & FELLOWS

Please put your full name on the envelopes you mail. At present we have several people at STRI with the same first names and it can be confusing to the mail clerk who has to keep record of the mail charges. Any letters that are not properly addressed will be returned to the facility they came from. Thank you for your cooperation.

### RENOVATION OF ANCON BASEMENT

The remodeling of the offices in the Ancon Basement is almost complete. Miscellaneous items taken from the offices in the basement have been moved to the Naos Shop. Items not claimed within the next week will be thrown away (this includes items such as bottles, lampshades, etc.).

### SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, October 20 will be given by Dr. Alan Smith, STRI, who will speak on:

"Ecological Correlates of  
some leaf color polymorphisms"

and on the same day...

At 7:00 p.m., Jorge Ventocilla, Universidad de Panamá/STRI, will give a seminar on:

"Aspectos de la ecología y  
dinámica de población de  
*Microcerotermes arboreus* Emerson  
(Isoptera: Amitermitinae)"

Both of these seminars will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

### ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

October 17 - Dr. Arthur Humes, Boston University, Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, who will at Naos for one month working on: "Systematic and ecological investigation of the Xarifiidae copepod parasites of corals".

Arrived during the past week:

Dr. Ira Rubinoff, who returned from the Ecology Congress in Bhopal, India. The Dresslers are expected to be back this week and the Robinsons on the 23rd of October.

Mrs. Arilla Kourany left today for the U.S. She will be away for one week.

### Arrivals (cont.)

Dr. Karl Kleeman, University of Vienna, arrived this past week. He will be at Naos for approximately one month. Dr. Kleeman is working on: "Ecology, evolution and functional morphology in mitilid boring bivalves".

### PLEASE RETURN

The following items must be brought back to the Naos Shop as soon as possible:

- 2 drilling machines (small)
- 1 impact tool
- 1 soldering iron

The following should be returned to Leo van Valkenhoef.

### NOTES OF INTEREST

It will be quieter this year around the Tivoli Building than in other years since the Panamanian Ministry of Education cancelled all the traditional parades on November 3,4,5,10,28 for which all the school groups are usually practicing daily during this month. The cancellation of these parades was recommended as a preventive measure by the Ministry of Health in view of the epidemics of viral meningitis and conjunctivitis, which are closely being monitored by the Health authorities. As another preventive measure pre-schools and child care centers in Panama have been closed since the viral meningitis primarily affects children of pre-school age. As far as the viral conjunctivitis goes there is much controversy about how it spread to the New World since it had not been seen here until recently. Some say it is a form of medical warfare used by the CIA (since it was first reported in Cuba); others that the Cuban freedom fighters brought it from Angola. And the controversy will go on.... but we just hope the virus doesn't make it to BCI.

and

The Inter-American Women's Association will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar at the new Atlapa Convention Center on Balboa Ave., Saturday, October 17 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Many unique hand-crafted items will be for sale and everyone is invited to attend.