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TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

Tue, Nov 9, noon seminar speaker will be John Jones, STRI post-doctoral fellow
Prehistoric Subsistence Patterns on the Central Coast of Peru

Abstract

Exploration of Archaic (6000-3000 BP) human coprolites from the central coast of Peru reveals that cultigens played a minor role in the diet of these ancient Peruvians. Abundant maritime and terrestrial resources were sufficient to allow for the development of sedentary settlements with monumental architecture.

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Elizabeth Harper, University of Cambridge, U.K., Nov 7-25, to carry out studies on the molluscan periostracum: an important constraint in bivalve evolution, at Naos.
- Lisa and Daniel Petit, Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, Nov 7-15 Dec, to study the impacts of land use on neotropical migratory birds wintering in Panama, at Gamboa.

Departures

- Stanley Rand, Nov 9-12, to Colombia, to collect frogs for research.
- Harry Barnes, Nov 12-17, to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, to attend the meetings of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean.

Thank You Note

To BCI residents who helped in the second "clean up" day on Sun, Oct 31.

THINGS TO KNOW

Charla sobre Impuestos sobre la Renta
Se darán charlas para todos los empleados que pagan impuestos a Panamá para explicar los cambios en el Código Fiscal, en las diferentes instalaciones de STRI. Consulte la cartelera o la secretaria en su puesto de trabajo.



After 25 years of working with us, a colorful retirement party was thrown for Vielka Vergel by her friends and colleagues at STRI on Thursday, Oct 28, at the Tupper Center Conference Hall ••• Luego de 25 años de laborar en STRI, amigos y colegas de Vielka Vergel le ofrecieron una vistosa fiesta de jubilación el jueves 28 de octubre en el Salón de Conferencias del Centro Tupper.

(Foto: M.A. Guerra)

At Tupper Center

- Mon, Nov 8 ■ Briefing for "Eco-Tours," Auditorium, 10:30am.
- Tue, Nov 9 ■ Briefing on Panama's Income Tax, Auditorium, 10am. (Open to all permanent or contract Panamanian employees).
- Noon seminar by John Jones, Auditorium.
- Scientific Staff Meeting, Large Meeting Room, 1:30pm.
- X'mas Committee Meeting, Conference Hall, 3pm.
- Wed, Nov 10 ■ Tivoli-Tupper Administrative Meeting, Large Meeting Room, 2pm.

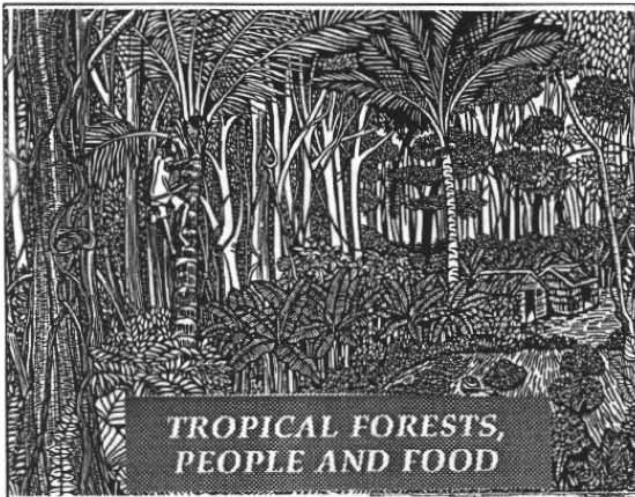
At the Culebra Marine Reserve

- Tue, Nov 9 *Escuela Franco Panameña*
- Wed, Nov 10 *Instituto Pedagógico*
- Fri, Nov 12 *Instituto Alberto Einstein*
- Sat, Nov 13 *Universidad Santa María La Antigua*

Reminder ••• Recorderis

Thu, Nov 11 is Veteran's Day and a holiday for STRI ••• *El jueves 11 de noviembre se celebra el Día de los Veteranos en los Estados Unidos, y es un día libre para STRI.*

NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS



- Colinvaux, Paul A. 1993. "Pleistocene Biogeography and Diversity in Tropical Forests of South America" in *Biological Relationships Between Africa and South America*: 473-499, edited by Goldblatt, P. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Cooke, Richard and Piperno, Dolores. 1993. "Native American Adaptations to the Tropical Forests of Central and South America, Before the European Colonization." In *Tropical Forests, People and Food*: 25-36, ed. by Hladik, C.M et al.
- Hladik, Annette and Leigh Jr., Egbert G. 1993. "Food Production and Nutritional Value of Wild and Semi-Domesticated Species—Background." In: *Tropical Forests, People and Food*: 127-138, ed. by Hladik, C.M et al.
- Hladik, C.M., Hladik, A., Linares, Olga F., Pagezy, H., Semple, A. and Hadley, M. (editors). 1993. *Tropical Forests, People and Food*. Man and the Biosphere Series, Vol 13. Paris: Unesco.
- Hladik, Claude Marcel and Linares, Olga F. 1993. "Tropical Forests, People and Food: an Overview." In: *Tropical Forests, People and Food*: 3-16, ed. by Hladik, C.M et al.
- Leigh Jr., Egbert Giles. 1993. "Epilogue: Comments on the Paris Symposium by a Concerned Biologist." In: *Tropical Forests, People and Food*: 829-838, ed. by Hladik, C.M et al.
- Linares, Olga F. 1993. "Palm Oil Versus Palm Wine: Symbolic and Economic Dimensions." In: *Tropical Forests, People and Food*: 595-606, ed. by Hladik, C.M et al.
- McKey, Doyle, Linares, Olga F., Clement, Charles R. and Hladik, Claude Marcel. 1993. "Evolution and History of Tropical Forests in Relation to Food Availability—Background." In: *Tropical Forests, People and Food*: 17-24, ed. by Hladik, C.M et al.

From the Safety Officer

Two safety committees have been organized at STRI to help the Safety Office implement an Occupational Health and Safety Program on BCI and at Naos. The committee members will promote the programs, but your cooperation is necessary to change old habits. I request your patience and your feedback as we implement the different elements of this safety program. The committee members will be making suggestions and asking for your feedback because the involved worker is often the person best qualified to figure out the safest way to perform a task. The committee members are:

BCI	Naos
Diomedes Abrego	Carlos Bonilla
Oris Acevedo	Axel Calderón
Mario Bernal	José Carlos Espino
Guillermo Caballero	Oscar Jiménez
Alberto González	José Ramón Perurena
Raúl Ríos	Alejandro Ureña
José Ramón Perurena	Anibal Velarde
Virgilio Sánchez	Lee Weigt
Laslo Vegh	

Sobre Seguridad

En Barro Colorado y en Naos se han sido establecidos comités de seguridad para ayudar a la Oficina de Seguridad a poner en práctica un Programa de Salud Ocupacional y Seguridad en STRI. Los miembros de estos comités promoverán el programa, pero la cooperación de todos será necesaria para cambiar viejos hábitos. De esta manera pido su paciencia y sus sugerencias, ya que por lo general, el trabajador es la persona más calificada para determinar la manera más segura de hacer su trabajo. Vea los nombres de los integrantes de ambos comités en la versión en inglés de esta noticia, arriba.

Photographs for STRI Brochure ••• Se Buscan Fotos

Needed are catchy photographs showing intriguing or spectacular ways in which research is conducted at STRI, unique habitats found in Panama, great shots of our facilities (equipment, boats, microscopes, etc.), showing how these are used. Photographers will be paid \$150 for each photo used in the new STRI brochure. Send your best pictures (slides) with a short caption to Maria Luz Calderón, Office of Education. Photographs not used will be returned to the owner as soon as the search committee examines them ••• Se buscan fotografías espectaculares sobre la investigación en STRI para un nuevo panfleto del Instituto. Se pagará \$150 por cada foto que se use. Mande sus mejores fotos, con una pequeña leyenda a Maria Luz Calderón, Oficina de Educación. Las fotos que no se usarán se regresarán al dueño tan pronto el comité de búsqueda de fotos.