



STRI Newsletter

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Tupper Center Seminars

No noon seminar schedule for Tuesday, February 15.

Things You Should Know

At The Tupper Center

Tue, Feb 15 - Slide presentation to Eco-tours, Auditorium, 10:30am

Fri, Feb 18 - Georgetown Scholarship Program for Embera Students, SMR, 9am

At the Culebra Marine Reserve

Wed, Feb 16 - Instituto Bilingüe Simón Rodríguez

Thu, Feb 17 - Los Ríos Elementary School

Fri, Feb 18 - Club Los Aventureros

Sat, Feb 19 - PCC - Colon



During her recent visit to Panama, Elizabeth Losos (second from right), new Director for the Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS), met with a group of the CTFS staff at the Tupper Center. In the photo (left to right) are: Salomón Aguilar, Raquel Negrelle, Rolando Pérez, Susy Lao, Milagros Ruiz, Richard Condit, Elizabeth Losos, and Zeida Batista. *Durante su reciente visita a Panamá, Elizabeth Losos, nueva Directora del Centro de Ciencias Forestales del Trópico, se reunió con algunos de los miembros del equipo de trabajo del CTFS. De izquierda a derecha aparecen en la foto: Salomón Aguilar, Raquel Negrelle, Rolando Pérez, Susy Lao, Milagros Ruiz, Richard Condit, Elizabeth Losos, and Zeida Batista. (foto: Marcos Guerra)*

Educational Tapes

With the cooperation of the STRI library, the Office of Human Resources arranged to borrow educational tapes (in English) from the SI Libraries on various subjects of interest to employees. These are tapes to listen (not videos), and interested persons are welcome to borrow them from the Library before they are returned to Washington. For more information about the subjects contained in the tapes, please contact the Office of Human Resources, extension 223.

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People

Arrivals

- Thirteen students from York University, Canada, Feb. 12-26, to take part in a Tropical Ornithology field course, organized by Bridget Stutchbury, at Gamboa.
- Julie Denslow, Tulane University, Feb. 12-16, to consult with Joseph Wright.
- Calvin Snyder, American Museum of Natural History, New York, Feb. 16-26, to collaborate with J. Miller on BCI.
- Cecilia Sanchez-Garduno, Univ. Nacional Autónoma de México, Feb. 15-15-Aug. 94, to work with J. Wright on "Measurement and monitoring of predispersal seed predation in canopy trees", on a Mellon internship.

On Leave

- Vicky Chang-Yau, will be on leave from Feb. 17 to 25.

Fellowship awarded to Zuleika Pinzón

Zuleika Pinzón, formerly with the Oil Spill Project, and presently a STRI intern, has been awarded a Fulbright fellowship to pursue a Masters degree in the U.S.

Reminder

All government offices will close from Feb. 14-16 for Carnival. Banks will be open Wednesday afternoon.

Announcements

Once in a Lifetime...

Around 60 years ago, the Great Palm tree of Ceylon (*Corypha umbraculiforme*) reached the gardens of Summit Municipal Park. Commonly known as "Talipot", it is originally from Sri Lanka and the Coast of Malabar (India). It belongs to the Palmae-Arecaceae family and possibly derived from *C. elata*. This exotic plant grows slowly, reaching up to 30m high, with a straight trunk, and fan-shaped, bright green leaves about 4m wide. Its main feature is the terminal inflorescence with creamy-white flowers, and a small olive-colored fruit which appears when the palm reaches an average of 60 years of age. The plant then dies. The inflorescence reaches between six to eight meters high, with more than 60 million flowers, which produce around 500 kg of seed. Methods to obtain the seed and conserve this palm are being studied. Today, the inflorescence may be seen, so come visit Summit Park. Don't wait another 40 to 50 years to see this beautiful sight.

Visit from SI and Congressional Staff

The visit from SI and Congressional Staff programmed for Feb. 12 has been cancelled.

Universidad Latina de Costa Rica

La Universidad Latina de Costa Rica está ofreciendo la Carrera Ecológica. La Universidad dispone de dos Reservas Naturales propias, ubicadas en Sarapiquí y El Cerro de la Muerte, donde se realizan las prácticas estudiantiles correspondientes.

Para mayor información, dirigirse a la Oficina de Educación en el Edificio Tupper.

Solo una vez en la vida...

Hace aproximadamente 60 años, llegó a los Jardines del Parque Summit, la Gran Palma Ceylan (*Corypha umbraculiforme*). Conocida como "Talipot", es originaria de Sri Lanka y la Costa de Malabar (India). Perteneció a la Familia Palmae-Arecaceae y posiblemente se deriva de *C. elata*. Esta planta exótica es de crecimiento lento y puede alcanzar una altura hasta de 30 metros. Su tronco es recto con diámetro aproximado de 50 cm; sus hojas verdes en forma de abanico, tienen un ancho de 4 metros. Se caracteriza principalmente por la florescencia terminal, que tiene flores de un blanco cremoso y fruto de color olivo, que aparece cuando la palma alcanza un promedio de 60 años de vida. La planta entonces muere. La florescencia puede alcanzar de unos seis a ocho metros de alto, tiene más de 60 millones de flores las cuales producen unos 500 kg. de semillas. Se están tomando las medidas necesarias para obtener la semilla y conservar esta palma. Hoy día, la florescencia terminal ya se puede apreciar, por lo que les invitamos a que visiten el Parque Municipal Summit. No espere otros 40 ó 50 años más para poder ver esta bella especie.

McGill University offers fellowships

The Commander C. Bellairs Fellowships support graduate and postdoctoral study and research in residence at the Bellairs Research Institute of McGill university in the Barbados. The deadline for submission of applications and all supporting document is March 31, 1994. For more information, contact the Office of Education at the Tupper Building.

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FROM PROCUREMENT

When you receive by mistake a duplicate of an order, please do not keep it. The duplicate must be sent back to the company through the Procurement Department with return authorization number.

News from AFCU on Master Cards

Master Cards are processed just like a loan. The member has to fill out a loan application and have their signature notarized. They must sign the insurance section and the application section. They must also return with that application all of the same paper work that you have them send with a personal loan. The personal loans, goal line of credit and master cards all are considered "personal loans" and the total must not exceed 20% of the members annual gross income. The example would be if a member has a personal loan with AFCU right now and has \$1500 on it, and wants a \$1500 Master Card, he/she would be able to qualify for a signature limit of \$3000.

Las tarjetas Master Card son procesadas igual que los préstamos. Los miembros tienen que llenar una aplicación de préstamo y notarizar su firma. Deben llenar la sección de seguros y la aplicación. Deben enviar con la aplicación el mismo papeleo que se envía con el préstamo personal. Los préstamos personales, líneas de crédito y tarjetas master card son considerados "préstamos personales" y el total no debe ser mayor del 20% de su ingreso anual. Un ejemplo sería si un miembro tiene un préstamo personal con AFCU ahora mismo por \$1500 y desea una tarjeta Master Card con límite \$1500, él/ella debe poder calificar para firmar por un límite de \$3000.