

STRI Newsletter



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Tupper Center Seminars

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, March 8.

Things You Should Know

At the Tupper Center

Mon to Sat. -Seminario Taller Plan de Acción Forestal Tropical, Conference Hall, 8am

Mon, Feb 8. -STRI presentation to Ecotours, Auditorium, 10:30am

Tue, Mar 1. -Reunión de la Comisión del Medio Ambiente de la Asamblea Legislativa, Conference Hall, 8:30am

Thu, Mar 3. -Fellowship Review Meeting, Left Side of the Conference Hall, 9am

At the Culebra Marine Reserve

Tue, Mar 1. -Happy Kids.

Wed, Mar 2. -Escuela Presidente Roosevelt.

Thu, Mar 3. -Escuela Las Balsas.

Fri, Mar 4. -Escuela Santo Domingo.

Sat, Mar 5. -Balboa Elementary School.

REMINDER TO SCIENTIFIC STAFF

The Smithsonian Fellowship Review Meeting will be held on Thursday, Mar 3rd, at 9 a.m. on the left side of the Tupper Center Exhibit Hall.

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STRI docent Allene Zanger leads students from the 7th grade at the International School of Panama during their visit to the exhibit "Nuestros Bosques: Nuestra Herencia" on Feb. 18. The exhibit will leave for David, Chiriqui next week and will return to the Tupper Center during the month of July.

People

Arrivals

- Roberta Rubinoff, Feb 25-8 Mar, for the Smithsonian fellowship review meeting.
- Kyle Harms, Princeton University, Mar 1-30 Sep, to conduct studies on the resource heterogeneity and the establishment of non-pioneer tree species.
- Eleven students from the "Ecología de Poblaciones" OTS course, Mar 3-7, to visit BCI.
- Christian Korner, Mellon Senior Fellow from the University of Basel, Mar 5-11, to continue his studies on ¿Do today's tropical forests already exhibit carbon overflow reactions?

- Mary Jane West-Eberhard and William Eberhard, Feb. 28, STRI, to attend fellowship Meeting.

Departures

- David West and Luis Cruz, Feb 28, to Ft. Pierce, FL, to sail the new RV "Urracá", to Panama.
- Ira Rubinoff, Mar 3-6, to Boston, MA, to attend the Earthwatch meetings.

New Baby

Born on Feb. 21, to Fernando and Jeanne Mae Pascal, a baby boy, Mark Alexander, Congratulations.

Announcements

Safety News

The Ergonomics, Hazardous Communication and Life Safety training seminars, originally scheduled for Friday, March 11, was rescheduled to be held on Thursday, March 10, due to conflictive flight arrangements.

The meetings of the seminar remain at the same times:

Ergonomics/Office Safety: 8:00 am, Large Meeting Room

Hazard Communication: 8:00 am, Auditorium

Life Safety/Fire Safety: 9:15 am, Auditorium

In addition to the above scheduled seminars, the safety office will try to arrange for a fire extinguisher demonstration and practice to be conducted after the Life Safety/Fire Safety seminar. Simultaneous translation will be offered during the Life Safety/Fire Safety training seminar. Our apologies for the inconveniences these changes may produce. Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

Sobre Seguridad

La fecha de los seminarios sobre Ergonomía, Manejo de Materiales Peligrosos y Prevención de Incendios ha sido reprogramada para el jueves 10 de marzo, debido a conflictos de horarios de vuelos de los expositores.

El horario para los entrenamientos se mantienen iguales:

Ergonomía/Seguridad en Oficinas, 8:00 am, Sala de Reuniones

Manejo de Materiales Peligrosos, 8:00 am, Auditorio

Prevención de Incendios, 9:15 am, Auditorio

La Oficina de Seguridad Laboral tratará además, de programar una demostración del uso de extintores de incendios después del seminario de Prevención de Incendios. Se ofrecerá traducción simultánea durante el seminario entrenamiento de Prevención de Incendios. Nuestras disculpas por los inconvenientes que estos cambios puedan causarle. Su cooperación será apreciada.

To Smithsonian Zoologists

"The annual meeting of the American Society of Zoologists will be in Washington D.C. on Dec 26-30, 1995. This is an excellent opportunity for zoologists at the Smithsonian to show their work to a broad spectrum of colleagues and to celebrate the Smithsonian's 150 birthday..." Lynne Parenty, Chairperson at the Division of Systematic Zoology is already developing one symposium around the theme of systematics and diversity in marine animals. "We should certainly be able to find one or two more themes for symposia or special sessions among the research at NMNH, the Zoo and STRI". "Now is the time for you if you are contemplating organizing a formal symposium or workshop". Proposal and list of willing speakers must be submitted to Jon Norenburgm Program Officer, Division of Invertebrate Zoology, by March 20, 1994, "so that it may be reviewed in time for organizers to proceed to fund-raising by Fall, 1994. News from Jon L. Norenburg

Nuevo Director en IN.RE.NA.RE

El nuevo director del Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales Renovables, INRENARE es Alberto McKay, quien se desempeñaba como asesor ad-honorem de Educación Ambiental del Ministerio de Educación, director de la División de Posgrado de la Escuela de Geografía de la Universidad de Panamá, presidente de la Sociedad Geográfica de Panamá y miembro de la Junta Directiva del INRENARE.

Voluntary Separation Survey

Análisis sobre la Separación Voluntarios de Empleados del Smithsonian. Aquellos que deseen esta información en español, favor de acercarse a los coordinadores de su sitio de trabajo

There is a possibility that agencies may be authorized by legislation to offer incentives payments to certain category of employees as a means of encouraging them to retire or resign. The purpose is to assist agencies in achieving mandated reductions in personnel and operating costs and to minimize, or avoid, the need for using reduction-in-force procedures. Should an incentive package become available for Federal employees, it is likely that the same incentive offer will be made to Smithsonian Federal and Trust employees. A survey sheet has been developed by the Smithsonian Office of Human Resources to determine the level of interest among the employees in taking advantage of a buyout offer. The incentive payment and length of service, or \$25,000, whichever is less. The incentive payment could be offered to employees who are (1) eligible for voluntary optional retirement; (2) eligible for early retirement; (3) all other employees; (4) any combination of the three categories.

All interested employees must contact their respective supervisors or facilities coordinator to fill out the survey questionnaire no later than Friday, March 11: BCI: Daniel Millan; Naos: Mercedes Arosemena; Tupper Center: Audrey Smith; Tivoli: Carmen Sucre. The information gathered by this survey will be used to structure the Smithsonian's separation incentive package.

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