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TUPPER SEMINARS

No noon seminar scheduled for Tue, Jun 14.

PEOPLE

- Michael Lang, SI Administrator and Scientific Diving Officer, Jun 12-17, to visit STRI and discuss with staff on the coral reef symposium.
- Steve Hubbell, Princeton University, Jun 13-2 Jul, to continue projects, on BCI.
- Thomas Croat and Guanghua Zhu, Missouri Botanical Garden, Jun 14-15 Aug, to carry out a revision of *Dieffenbachia* (Araceae) of Central America, at Tupper.
- Thomas Kursar, Phyllis Coley and Silvia Torti, University of Utah, Jun 14-29, for a field trip to Darien with personnel from INRENARE to look at potential sites to study the cativo tree.
- Nel Lucas and Tim Sheppard, BBC, Jun 15-25, to document research by David Roubik, Neal Smith and Nicholas Smythe.
- Howard Lasker and Mary Alice Coffroth from University of Buffalo at New York with three assistants: W. Capela, K. Kittle and T. Swain, Jun 15-11 Aug, to study the fertilization success among broadcast spawning benthic invertebrates, at San Blas.
- Vladimir Rojas, Universidad del Valle, Colombia, Jun 15-10 Jun '95, to work with Gregory Adler on an experimental study of the population limitation in a tropical fruit-eating rodent, at Gamboa.
- David Banks, Short-term fellow from the University of Kansas, Jun 18-15 Sep, to study the context dependent nesting in the sphecid subgenus *Tryporgilum* (Hymenoptera) and the evolution of male nest guarding behavior, at Tupper.



During their visit to STRI, from Jun 5-10, Marjorie Lucas, Dolph Sand and Julie Fortin (center) from the SI Office of Human Resources gave a series of courses on personnel issues for STRI supervisors at the Tupper Center, BCI and Naos ••• Durante su visita a STRI del 5 al 10 de junio, Marjorie Lucas, Dolph Sand y Julie Fortin (centro), de la Oficina de Recursos Humanos del Smithsonian en Washington dictaron una serie de cursos sobre asuntos de personal a los supervisores de STRI en el Centro Tupper, Naos y BCI.

(Foto: A. Montaner)

Departures

- Egbert Leigh, Jun 11-10 Oct, on a research trip to Madagascar.
- Donald Windsor, Jun 13-28, to Costa Rica, to participate as visiting faculty in a OTS course.
- Harilaos Lessios, Jun 15-20, to attend the meeting of the Society for the Study of Evolution.
- Ira Rubinoff, Jun 17-3 Jul, to the U.K. and France on official business, to consult with colleagues and officials of various institutions. Will also take a short vacation.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

At the Tupper Center

Tue, Jun 14 ■ Scientific staff meeting, Large Meeting Room, 1:30pm.

Reminder ••• Recorderis

Wearing the STRI I.D. is mandatory. Please do so all the time while at STRI facilities ••• El uso del carnet de identificación de STRI es obligatorio. Favor de cumplir con esta disposición todo el tiempo que se encuentre en las instalaciones de STRI.



Arturo Dominichi explains the dynamics of sandy beach ecosystems to participants of the "Campamento Ecológico Centroamericano, Belize y Panamá", during their visit to Culebra on Tuesday, June 7 ••• Arturo Dominichi explica la dinámica de los ecosistemas de las playas arenosas a los participantes del Campamento Ecológico Centroamericano, Belize y Panamá que visitó Culebra el martes 7 de junio. (Foto: A. Montaner)

At the Culebra Marine Reserve

- Tue, Jun 14 Instituto Bilingüe Simón Bolívar
 Wed, Jun 15 Escuela Rodolfo Chiari, Aguadulce
 Thu, Jun 16 Colegio Euro-Americano
 Fri, Jun 17 Instituto Bilingüe Simón Bolívar
 Sat, Jun 18 Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Panamá

From the Visitors Office

Trips to Darien National Park must be arranged at least 10 working days in advance with IN.RE.NA.RE., Paraiso. Please contact Maria Morello at the Visitor Services Office in Tupper for the necessary arrangements ••• Los viajes al Parque Nacional Darién deben ser programados con un mínimo de 10 días laborales de anticipación con el IN.RE.NA.RE., Paraiso. Favor de comunicarse con Maria Morello de la Oficina de Visitantes en Tupper para los arreglos necesarios.

CONGRESS

IAB and IAL Symposium on Follicolous Cryptogams

29 August - 2 September 1995 • Eger, Hungary

The Institute of Ecology and Botany, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Vacratot is organizing the IAB & IAL Symposium on Follicolous Cryptogams to be held at the Eszterhazy Teachers' College, universitas of Northern Hungary, Eger, supported by the International Association of Bryologists (IAB) and the International Association

of Licheonology (IAL). The idea of organizing the symposium originated from recognizing the importance of an increasing interest in the various fields of follicolous lichen research. Since the bulk of these organisms has evolved in tropical rainforests, they must be regarded as endangered organisms due to the destruction of their natural living space. For more information on this symposium and the preliminary registration form, please visit the STRI Office of Education at the Tupper Center.

MISCELLANEOUS

From the Library

The book *Readings in Ecology and Ecological Genetics*, ed. by T.H. Connel, D.B. Mertz and W.W. Murdoch arrived at the library along with other literature through the interlibrary loan system. The requester must stop by the library since the form wasn't signed at the time of the order.

For Sale ••• Se Vende

Picnic table and 4 benches, assorted plants. If interested please contact Cindy Martin or leave message at 28-2202 ••• Mesa de "pic-nic" y cuatro asientos y diferentes plantas. Interesados favor de comunicarse con Cindy Martin o dejar mensaje en el tel. 28-2202.

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When you switch on the air conditioner, don't set it colder than you want it. You won't cool the room any faster that way, but you will waste energy.