

STRI Newsletter



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Tupper Center Seminars

^{30 August}
~~Tuesday, September 6~~, noon seminar speaker will be Stephen Hubbell from Princeton University.

"Light gaps and the maintenance of tree diversity in a neotropical forest"

Surprisingly, light gaps may not be the major factor in the tropical tree diversity. Recruitment limitation is a factor.

People

Arrivals

- ♦ Alexander Ellis, Sep 1-20 Dec, Princeton University, to study the light mosaic on the forest floor in relation to local density and species diversity of seedlings at BCI.
- ♦ William Wcislo, Aug 28, to join the STRI staff. He will be accompanied by his wife, Donna, a specialist in informal science education.
- ♦ Christian Suennieng and Elsa Magers, Sep 2-12, to visit the CTFS and consult with various people at STRI. They are the coordinators of the Tipitini Forest Dynamics Project in Ecuador.

Departures

- ♦ Haris Lessios, Aug 31-6 Sep. to Woodsdale, MA to attend sea urchin meetings.



On August 24, President elect Ernesto Perez Balladares accompanied by Foreign Minister Gabriel Lewis Galindo and Deputy Foreign Minister Omar Jaén made a courtesy visit to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. They were welcomed by Ira Rubinoff, Anthony Coates, and Elena Lombardo, and received a briefing on STRI activities. Afterwards, the visitors had an opportunity to speak informally to the Director about STRI's current and future activities.

(Photo Marcos Guerra)

Things You Should Know

At Tupper Center

Mon, Aug 29 Programa de Ecología y Manejo de Areas Silvestres (PEMASKY). LGM at 8:30 am.

Mon, Aug 29 International Coral Reef Symposium meeting. Conference Hall at 2:00 pm.

Tue, Aug 30 Steve Hubbell, Noon Seminar. Auditorium.

Tue, Aug 30 Widecast meeting. SMR at 8:00 am.

Fri, Sept 2 Asociaciones Cívicas Unidas, "Acto de Premiación". Auditorio & LGM at 9:00 am.

At Barro Colorado Island Station

Sat, Aug 27 Visitors from Panama City.

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Tue, Aug 30 Inst. Bilingue Las Cumbres

At Culebra Marine Reserve

Tue, Aug 30 Esc. Hogar Misionero

Wed, Aug 31 Col. Bilingue Juan Pablo

Fri, Sep 2 Escuela El Buen Pastor

Sat, Sep 3 Grupo Scouts

Announcements

HOLIDAY

Thursday, September 1, Dr. Ernesto Perez Balladares Inauguration's Date, will be considered a Panamanian holiday for STRI employees. Persons required to work that day will be given another day off in lieu of the holiday observance.

FERIADO

El primero de septiembre, Día de la Inauguración del Dr. Ernesto Perez Balladares, será día feriado para empleados de STRI. Si algún empleado debe laborar ese día, se la dará otro día compensatorio.

From Photo Lab

The Photo-Lab has informed the I.D. will not be issued on Friday, September 2. Apologies for any inconveniences this may cause.

Del Lab. de Fotografía

El laboratorio de fotografía no expedirá carnets de identificación el próximo viernes 2 de septiembre. Disculpe cualquier inconveniente que esto podrá causar.

Marcela Vargas desea expresar su más sincero agradecimiento al personal de STRI por toda la atención brindada durante su incapacidad.

A new member has joined the STRI family.

Emilia Clare Illueca Colley, daughter of Marti Colley and Jorge Illueca, STRI Research Affiliate, was born on July 30th. Congratulations.

Un nuevo miembro se ha unido a la familia de STRI. Emilia Clare Illueca Colley, hija de Marti Colley y Jorge Illueca, nació el 30 de julio. Felicidades a la familia Illueca.

Jorge Illueca was appointed Special Advisor to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environmental Program on Biodiversity. He will be departing August 25 for Nairobi, Kenya for four months, to head up the reorganization of UNEP's biodiversity management program.

Jorge Illueca fue designado como asesor especial para el Director Ejecutivo del Programa Ambiental de Biodiversidad de las Naciones Unidas. Viajará a Nairobi, Kenia el próximo 25 de agosto por cuatro meses para encabezar la reorganización del programa de Manejo de la Biodiversidad de la UNEP.

From the Of. of Human Resources

Upon checking our listings in the OHR, we found that a great number of our employees are not enrolled in the voluntary personal accident insurance plan that Smithsonian offers to all eligible full-time employees. It is not a **life insurance**. The benefits provided are for accidental death, dismemberment or permanent total disability. It provides 24 hours a day, worldwide, in or out of the job, including hijacking and air piracy. Benefits are payable in addition to any other insurance you may have. The rate for this coverage is substantially lower than the cost of a similar insurance purchased individually. You may select any amount from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$500,000. For more information, please call the OHR.



STRI Scientist Richard Cooke gives a briefing on his ongoing research at Cerro Juan Diaz to William Schulz from the SI Office of Public Affairs in Washington DC. (Photo M. Guerra)

Archaeological Session at the XIII National Scientific Congress

On August 31, from 9:45 am to 12:15 pm, at the Department of Humanities of the University of Panamá, eight lectures will be presented as part of the Archaeological Session of the XIII National Scientific Congress. These lectures summarize recent archaeological research in Panama sponsored by the INAC and STRI, under the supervision of Dr. Richard Cooke. Subjects include fishing and precolombian hunting, results from excavations at Cerro Juan Diaz, evolution of precolombian ceramics in the Central Region of Panama and archaeological research at Chame.