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SEMINAR NEWS

There will not be a luncheon seminar on Tuesday, February 2nd. Instead there will be an evening seminar at 6:30 p.m. given by Dr. W. John Smith, who will speak on:

More Ideas about Animal Communication

There will be food and refreshments and transportation will be provided from Ancon to the train station. Please note that for the benefit of those from BCI and Gamboa the seminar has been scheduled to begin at an earlier time.

and

On Thursday, February 4th, in the Naos Conference Room, Edwin Bourget, from Laval University, Quebec, Canada will speak on:

Spatial heterogeneity and the persistence of the barnacle, Balanus balanoides, in the estuary and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

This seminar will be at 12 noon.

ARRIVALS

February 1 - DAVID SLINGERLAND, Deputy Director and ROY BUHL, Planning Division Chief, Office of Design and Construction, SI, for a 4-day official visit to STRI.

February 5 - DAVID CHALLINOR, Assistant Secretary for Science of the Smithsonian for a three-day official visit to STRI. Dr. Challinor will be visiting the different STRI facilities and will be leaving Panama on Feb. 8th.

Also expected to arrive this week:

STEPHEN HUBBELL, ROBIN FOSTER, LAURA BROPHY, GERONIMO GARCIA, AND PENNY MATEIKAITIS to continue work on the Mapping Project on BCI.

LESLIE JOHNSON, University of Iowa, to study "Sexual selection in Brentid weevils on BCI".

WALTER HEILIGENBERG, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, to study Electric Communication in gymnotoid fish. He will be staying in Gamboa.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library funds have been allocated to the STRI library for the purchase of monographs and serials, and for the binding program. The exact amount is still unknown.

SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED AT JANUARY REVIEW

The following persons have been awarded STRI short-term fellowships:

David Hamill, University of Iowa, Project: "Relationship between dispersal and seedling success in Ocotea skutchii"

Noel Michelle Holbrook, Harvard University, Project: "Efficiency of Biomass Allocation for Leaf Support in Large and Small Leaved Pioneer Trees".

James Mallet, University of Texas Project: "Hybrid zone in Heliconius erato".

NOTES OF INTEREST

-A package from FOCUS Electronics containing rolls of film has been received at the Procurement Office since it was sent via APO to STRI, but to no one's attention. The Procurement Office has no way of determining to whom this belongs since the order was not placed by STRI. If this belongs to you, please claim at the Procurement Office in the Tivoli.

-José Him, from the University of Panama will be joining the Iguana Project on BCI for two months. José is being supported by an EXXON Assistantship.

-Nigel Franks, who conducted research on army ants at BCI, has received the THOMAS HENRY HUXLEY AWARD from the Zoological Society of London for the best doctoral thesis in the United Kingdom.

-On Feb. 18 at 8:30 p.m. there will be a gala ballet performance in honor of Anna Pavlova at the Anayansi Theater of the ATLAPA Convention Center. Alexander Godunov, Starr Danias, Gregory King and 17 other stars of the New York Joffrey Ballet will star in this performance. Tickets are on sale at the YMCA (Balboa) the Amador-Washington Library, Valent Recreation Center, Argosy Library and Casa Bella (El Dorado).