

STRI newsletter

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TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, October 10. Anyone interested in giving a seminar must contact Neal Smith, at the Tupper Center.

NAOS LABS LUNCHEON

Friday, October 13, Naos Labs Luncheon seminar speaker will be Bailey Kessing, STRI.

Indo-Pacific Sea Urchins in the Eastern Pacific

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Troy Mielke, University of Pittsburgh, Oct 7-21, to work with Walter Carson in the project: Do mammal and insects control tropical diversity: a community level experimental test, at BCI.
- Phyllis Coley, University of Utah, Oct 8-26 Dec, to study the deterrence of fungi and herbivores in young leaves with different developmental patterns, at BCI.
- Thomas Kursar, University of Utah, Oct 8-26 Dec, to study the expansion rate and defenses in young leaves of tropical species, at BCI.
- Rachel Levin, Christie Burks, Elizabeth Long and Hilary Swartz, Ponom College, Oct 9-15 Nov, to study social and hormonal influences on the development of sex differences in a duetting wren, at Galeta.
- Alexandra Thiele, Universitat Duesseidorf, Germany, Oct 9-20 Dec, to work with Heinrich Krause in a project to study the photoinhibition of photosynthesis leaves of tropical plants, at Tupper.

Departures

- Nancy Knowlton, Oct 8-22, to Georgetown, Bahamas, to participate in an expedition in collaboration with NOAA, to collect corals for molecular analyses.
- Leopoldo León, Oct 10-20, to Washington D.C., on official business at SL.
- Paul Colinvaux, Oct 12-20, to Seattle, WA, to present seminars at the University of Washington and to consult with colleagues at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.
- Llewelya Hillis, Oct 12-20, to Seattle, WA, to consult with colleagues at the University of Washington and at the University of California, at Berkeley.
- Héctor Guzmán, Gabriel Jácome and Carlos Guevara, Oct 13-25, to Honduras, on official business at the Cayos Cochinos Station.

September 20, 1995

Dear STRI Friends,

Yesterday, I notified my supervisors that I will be leaving the Smithsonian effective October 3. I have accepted a position as an Associate Editor at *Chemical and Engineering News* magazine here in Washington.

Working to publicize the important work of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute has been the highlight of my Smithsonian career. During that time, I have made many friends in Panama, and my annual STRI visits will be treasured memories for years to come. On each trip, all of you made me feel welcomed and a part of the STRI family. Truly, it has been an honor to work with the entire STRI staff.

I wish all of you the very best as I move on in my career. I hope to stay in touch with many of you, and I hope to find my way back to Panama.

Your Friend and Colleague,
Bill Schulz

STRI acknowledges all the efforts conducted by Bill Schulz at the SI Office of Public Affairs and as editor of the *SI Research Reports*, to bring the results from research at STRI to the public media in the U.S. and the world.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

At the Tupper Center

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| Tue, Oct 10 | ■ Tupper Committee meeting, Large Meeting Room, 9am |
| | ■ Communications Committee meeting, Small Meeting Room, 10:30am |
| | ■ Fee Committee meeting, SMR, 12n. |
| | ■ Scientific Staff Meeting, LMR, 2pm |
| Wed, Oct 11 | ■ STRI presentation to members of the ARI, IPAT and Edward Stone Jr. & Associates, Auditorium, 9am. |
| | ■ STRI presentation to APEDE, AUD 1:30pm |
| Fri, Oct 13 | ■ EEO training course, LMR, 8am. |

At the Culebra Marine Reserve

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| Tue, Oct 10 | Escuela El Japón |
| Wed, Oct 11 | Centro de Orientación Infantil, Contraloría |
| Thu, Oct 12 | Escuela República de la India |
| Fri, Oct 13 | Escuela Río Gatún |
| Sat, Oct 14 | Grupo Ecológico del Instituto América |

Reminder *** Recorderis

Monday, October 9 is the commemoration of Columbus Day and a Holiday for STRI *** *El lunes 9 de octubre se conmemora en los Estados Unidos el día del descubrimiento de América, y es día feriado para STRI.*

At Barro Colorado Island Station

Sat, Oct 7	Groups from the University of Panama and the <i>Centro de Información de Medio Ambiente</i>
Sun, Oct 8	Group from the University of Panama
Sat, Oct 14	Groups from <i>Colegio La Salle</i> and ANCON
Sun, Oct 15	Group from Balboa High School

Las Cruces Change of Schedule**Cambio de Horario de "Las Cruces"**

Effective Sat, Oct 14, the *Las Cruces* schedule will change on week-ends. It will leave BCI at 6:30am and Gamboa at 8am. Also, the SACA bus will leave its terminal towards Gamboa at 7am both Saturday and Sunday. The afternoon schedule remains the same ••• *A partir del sábado 14 de octubre, el horario del bote "Las Cruces" cambiará durante los fines de semana. Saldrá de BCI a las 6:30am y de Gamboa a las 8am. El bus de SACA partirá de su terminal hacia Gamboa a las 7am ambos sábado y domingo. El horario de las tardes seguirá igual.*

NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS

- Collins, Laurel S., Coates, Anthony G., Jackson, Jeremy B.C. and Obando, Jorge A. 1995. "Timing and Rates of Emergence of the Limón and Bocas del Toro Basins: Caribbean Effects of Cocos Ridge Subduction? In: *Geologic and Tectonic Development of the Caribbean Plate Boundary in Southern Central America*: 263-289, edited by P. Mann. Boulder, CO: *Geological Society of America Special Paper* 295.
- Condit, Richard. 1995. "Research in Large, Long-Term Tropical Forest Plots." *TREE* 10(1): 18-22.
- Eberhard, William G. 1995. "Sexual Selection, by M. Andersson" [Book review]. *Animal Behaviour* 50(2): 564-565.
- Eberhard, William G. 1995. "The Web and Building Behavior of *Synotaxus ecuadorensis* (Araneae, Synotaxidae)." *Journal of Arachnology* 23(1): 25-30.
- Ito, Y. 1995. "Notes on Social Behavior and Ovarian Condition in *Polistes canadensis* (Hymenoptera: Vespidae) in Panama." *Sociobiology* 26(3): 247-257.
- O'Brien, S.T., Hubbell, Stephen D., Spiro, P., Condit, Richard and Foster, Robin B. 1995. "Diameter, Height, Growth, and Age Relationships in Eight Neotropical Tree Species." *Ecology* 76(6): 1926-1939.
- Sagers, Cynthia L. and Coley, Phyllis D. 1995. "Benefits and Costs of Defense in a Neotropical Shrub." *Ecology* 76(6): 1835-1843.
- Wieder, R.K. and Wright, S. Joseph. 1995. "Tropical Forest Litter Dynamics and Dry Season Irrigation on Barro Colorado Island, Panama." *Ecology* 76(6): 1971-1979.

STRI IN THE NEWS

- At the invitation of CATIE, Stanley Heckadon gave the keynote address at the inauguration of the *II Seminario de Extensión Forestal y Agroforestal en Centroamérica*, at Tegucigalpa, Honduras. As a result, the request of the Panamanian delegation, led by INRENARE officials and supported by Heckadon, Panama was selected to host the II Latin American Seminar of Community Forestry to be held in Panama City, 1997.
- The National Public Radio and the National Geographical Society will present the radio program *Special Expedition* featuring Anthony Coates and Jeremy Jackson's palaeoecological research, on Mon, Oct 8, at 8pm, on WAMU in Washington. Internet users with audio hardware may listen to Coates and Jackson at <http://majorca//.npr.org./RE/panama.html>. You can order tapes and CDs of *Radio Expeditions Oceans of Life* at 1-800-555-2875. For tapes or transcripts call (202)-414-3232.

SI Unsung Hero Awards**Premios para Héroes Desconocidos del Smithsonian**

If you know of somebody in your office, department or facility who is always willing to lend a helping hand, has gone the extra mile and has performed above and beyond his/her assigned duties, who is dependable and dedicated, or someone who through his/her capabilities and initiatives has made an outstanding contribution to the Smithsonian, you can nominate this person to be selected next year among 150 "unsung heroes". These "unsung heroes" will receive a special pin and monetary award. Any SI employee can be nominated by other SI employee for this award. Forms to nominate "unsung heroes" are available at Tupper and the Human Resources Office. Please mail nomination forms to: Unsung Hero Committee, SIB 302, MRC 018, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C. 20560, by Oct 15 ••• *Si conoce a alguien en su oficina, departamento o estación de trabajo que siempre está dispuesto a ayudar, que se ha esforzado mas aya de lo usual y ha hecho más de lo que se esperaba de acuerdo a sus funciones, o alguien con quien siempre se puede contar, es dedicado(a) o que ha hecho una contribución sobresaliente al Smithsonian, usted puede nominar a esta persona para ser elegida uno(a) de los 150 héroes desconocidos que se seleccionarán durante el próximo año. Estos "héroes desconocidos" recibirán un "pin" especial y efectivo. Cualquier empleado del Smithsonian puede nominar a otro para estos premios. Para nominar a los "héroes desconocidos" deberá llenar una forma y enviarla a Washington antes del 15 de octubre, a Unsung Hero Committee, SIB 302, MRC 018, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C. 20560. Si en su estación no hay formas para nominar "héroes desconocidos" pídale a la secretaria de su estación. Estas formas están a la mano en Tupper y Tívoli.*

The STRI Library will close on Sat, Oct 7, to allow its personnel a long week-end •• *La Biblioteca cerrará el sábado para permitir que el personal tenga un fin de semana largo.*

From: Maria Luz Calderon
To: STRI
Date: Friday, October 6, 1995 4:02 pm
Subject: Mistake in News

The e-mail address to listen to Coastes and Jackson was printed incorrectly in the Newsletter.

It is: <http://majorca.npr.org/RE/panama.html>