

# STRI news

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## TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, September 9. If you wish to give a seminar, please contact Neal Smith at the Tupper Center, ext. 2300.

## ESPECIAL

El lunes 8 de septiembre se dictará una charla para empleados que se jubilarán por el Seguro Social en Panamá, a las 2pm en el auditorio del Centro Tupper.

*Plan de Jubilación de Panamá*

### Abstract

Esta charla está dirigida para los empleados panameños que se jubilarán por la Caja de Seguro Social y será dictada por personal especializado de la Caja. Este personal estará a su disposición para todo tipo de consultas.



*Glenn O. Tupper (right), visited Dolores Piperno's laboratories at the STRI's Center for Tropical Palaeoecology and Archaeology at Ancon to learn about her research on American agricultural origins and environmental history, with Chris Richmond (left) and Tony Coates, on their recent visit to Panama ••• Glenn O. Tupper (derecha), visitó los laboratorios de Dolores Piperno en el Centro de Paleoecología y Arqueología Tropical de STRI en Ancón, para conocer sobre sus investigaciones sobre los orígenes y la historia ambiental de la agricultura en América, con Chris Richmond (izquierda) y Tony Coates, durante su reciente visita a Panamá.*

*(Foto: M.A. Guerra)*

## BAMBI SEMINAR

Thursday, September 11, Bambi seminar speaker will be Helene Muller-Landau, Princeton University

*Interspecific Variation in Sapling Growth Strategies*

Transportation and dinner reservations are essential. Please call BCI at 272-2124.

## PEOPLE

### Arrivals

- Joe Yavitt, Cornell University, Sep 6 - 10, to study patterns and processes of late secondary succession in a neotropical forest, at BCI.
- Barbara Yoder and Michael Ryan, Oregon State University, Sep 7 - 14, to study if productivity of old forests is limited by hydraulic conductance, at Fort Sherman.
- Andrea Schwarzenbach, University of Missouri, Sep 8 - 30, to study the historical development of mangrove community diversity, at Naos.
- Iris Hendricks, The Netherlands, Sep 9 - Dec 8, to study patterns of larval supply of coral reef fishes in the Perlas Islands, at Naos.
- Manuel Lerdau, State University of New York, and assistant Heather Throop, Sep 10-29, to study ecological controls over isoprene emission from tropical forest trees, at BCI and Gamboa.
- Christopher Pyke, Sep 10-22, to monitor natural resources of the Panama Canal Watershed, in mainland.
- Alba Bentos, Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay, Sep 9-30, to work with Charles Rowell on systematic of Panamanian *caelifera* (grasshoppers), at Gamboa.
- Lysanna Anderson, University of Colorado, Sep 10-14, to collaborate with Paul Colinvaux in pollen data analysis, at Ancon.
- José Enrique Araya, Organization of Tropical Studies, Sep 11-12, to coordinate with STRI staff for the development of software to capture and manage data from three neotropical field stations: OTS, STRI and ECOSUR (Mexico).

**Departures:**

- Georgina De Alba, Sep 8-9, to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to attend the opening of the STRI exhibit "Our Reefs: Caribbean Connection" at the Universidad Autónoma de Honduras.
- Elena Lombardo and Anthony Coates, Sep 8-10, to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, for meetings regarding the Cayo Cochinos Station, and to attend the Coral Reef exhibit opening.

**On Leave:**

- Ira Rubinoff, Sep 10-21.
- Vielka Rodríguez, Sep 3 - Oct 15. María de Domínguez will replace Rodríguez during this period.
- Mercedes Denis, Sep 8 - Oct 20.

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW****Telephone Directory ••• Directorio Telefónico**

Please remember to send your personal telephone number and address to María Luz Calderón, Tupper Center, E-mail: CALDEROM. Your cooperation will be appreciated ••• *Se les recuerda enviar su número de teléfono y dirección residencial a María Luz Calderón, Centro Tupper, E-mail: CALDEROM. Se agradecerá su cooperación.*

**Jacana on Maintenance • "Jacana" en Mantenimiento**

The *Jacana* will be on maintenance from Mon, Sep 8 to Wed, Sep 10. We will use *Las Cruces*, leaving BCI at 5:55am and 3:15pm, and Gamboa at 7:15am and 5:20pm ••• *La "Jacana" estará en mantenimiento del lunes 8 al miércoles 10 de septiembre. Durante esos días usaremos "Las Cruces", que saldrá de BCI a las 5:55am y a las 3:20pm y de Gamboa a las 7:15am y a las 5:20pm.*

**Secretary's Award for Excellence**

This is a reminder that nominations are currently being accepted for the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Equal Opportunity. This award recognizes employees who have made significant contributions to fostering the success of equal opportunity in employment, exhibits, public programs, or small or disadvantaged business utilization. All SI employees who have worked at the Institution for at least one year are eligible. Submit your nominations to the Office of Equal Employment and Minority Affairs, 905 L'Enfant Plaza, MRC 921, or send a fax to 287-3492 by Fri, Sep 5. For more information, call Carol Gover at 287-7221.

**Harnessing the Forces of Nature*****Aprovechando las Fuerzas de la Naturaleza***

The Panama Canal Commission's "Harnessing the Forces of Nature" exhibit will be at the Punta Culebra Marine Exhibit Center until Sunday Sep 14 ••• *La exhibición de la Comisión del Canal de Panamá, "Aprovechando las Fuerzas de la Naturaleza"; se mantendrá en el Centro de Exhibiciones Marinas de Punta Culebra hasta el domingo 14 de septiembre.*

**JOB OPENINGS****Engineer at STRI**

STRI is seeking an engineer to assist in the construction of a Free-Air Carbon Dioxide Enrichment (FACE) ring, and to be responsible for its operation. The FACE ring is a 30 meter in diameter, computer-controlled, gas-mixing apparatus to be located in a forest plantation. Candidates must have proven experience in construction trades and/or the air-conditioning trade, with abilities in trouble-shooting and repair of electronic apparatus. A degree in engineering or in a science field is preferred. The successful candidate must be willing to routinely work at heights of up to 100 feet and have knowledge of the operation and maintenance of personal computers. Must be able to accomplish objectives under minimal supervision and to interact both verbally and in writing (English and Spanish) with scientists, tradesmen and other professionals. The position requires a flexible work schedule with frequent extended or weekend hours. The position's work station will be Panama city and Sardinilla in the province of Panama, and is initially for one year. Salary will be according to experience and qualifications. Interested must submit their curriculum vitae, a letter of application describing their work experience, and the names and phone numbers of three references before Tuesday, September 30, to the STRI Office of Human Resources, P.O. Box 3353, Balboa, Ancón, Panamá.

**NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS**

- Aiello, Annette. 1997. "Ticky Point." *Science News* 152(8): 115.
- Havach, Suzanne M. and Collins, Laurel S. 1997. "The Distribution of Recent Benthic Foraminifera Across Habitats of Bocas del Toro, Caribbean Panama." *Journal of Foraminiferal Research* 27(3): 232-249.