

STRI news '98

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute • P.O. Box 2072, Balboa, Panamá • Tel 227-6022 • Fax 232-5978

TUPPER CENTER SEMINAR

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, April 28. If you wish to give a seminar, please contact Neal Smith.

BAMBI SEMINAR

Thu, Apr 30, Bambi seminar speaker will be Julie Velasquez-Runk, STRI

Ecology and Management of Non-Timber Forest Products in the Darien

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

NAOS LUNCHEON

For information about the Naos Luncheon seminars, please consult the Web at http://160.111.136.12/Naos_Luncheon_Schedule.html

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Bill Wilsey, McGill University, Canada, Apr 25-30, to study the effects of CO₂ enrichment on carbon storage and species growth in a tropical species plantation ecosystem, on mainland.
- Catherine Potvin, McGill University, Apr 26 - Jul 31, to work on the effects of CO₂ enrichment on carbon storage and species growth in a tropical mixed-species plantation ecosystem, on mainland.
- Matthew McKensie, Australia, Apr 26 - Jun 7, to work with David Wilson, on an interoceanic comparison of patterns of larval supply in coral reef fishes between the Great Barrier Reef, Caribbean and the Australian NW Shelf, in San Blas and Naos.
- William Burnett, Scottish Association for Marine Science, Apr 27 - May 24, to conduct molecular investigations on the phylogeny and transmission of a marine symbiosis, at Naos and San Blas.



DODDS' Curundu and Clayton Middle School students participate in the marine education JASON project, "Ocean of Earth and Beyond", measuring abiotic and biotic properties of the marine environment at Punta Culebra's beach, on Thursday, April 16 ••• Estudiantes de secundaria de Curundu y Clayton participan del programa educativo JASON "Más Ayá del Planeta Océano", midiendo las propiedades bióticas y abióticas del ambiente marino en la playa de Punta Culebra, el jueves 16 de abril. (Foto: Anita B. Seifert)

- D. Bekkevold, Adriane Bot and Diethelme Ortius, University of Aarhus, Denmark, Apr 30 - May 23, to work with Jacobus Boomsma, on the evolutionary ecology of a fungus-growing ants, in Gamboa.

Departures

- Héctor Guzmán, Apr 28 - May 2, to Cancun, México, invited by the Nature Conservancy and the Florida Center for Marine Conservation for the Southern Caribbean to develop a general plan for the conservation, monitoring and management of Mexican coral reefs.

Historia de Dos Océanos

The video "Historia de Dos Océanos" featuring various members of the STRI staff will be presented on Thursday, April 30 to STRI employees. Don't miss it! ••• El video, Historia de Dos Océanos, que muestra varios miembros del personal de STRI se presentará el jueves, 30 de abril para todos los empleados de STRI. ¡No se lo pierda!



Secretary's Day ••• Día de la Secretaria

STRI celebrated the Interamerican Secretary's Day this past week, and wishes to congratulate all the Institute's secretaries for their invaluable contribution to the success of the STRI mission. In the photo is Jennifer Campuzano, secretary at the Procurement Office ••• STRI celebró el Día Interamericano de las Secretarias esta semana y desea felicitar a todas las secretarias del Instituto por su incalculable contribución al éxito de la misión de STRI. En la foto aparece Jennifer Campuzano, secretaria de la Oficina de Compras. (Foto: M.A. Guerra).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beca para Estudiante de Biología

La Universidad de Pennsylvania y STRI anuncian una beca para panameño para un curso de introducción de biología de campo y un corto proyecto de investigación, del 13 al 30 de mayo de 1998. Requisitos: entusiasmo para el trabajo de campo; hablar fluidamente el inglés; excelencia académica; disponibilidad de dedicarse al curso tiempo completo en diferentes sitios. Las solicitudes deben incluir hoja de vida, créditos universitarios oficiales, y una carta de presentación en inglés indicando la razón por la que desea participar en este curso. Fecha límite para aplicar: 4 de mayo de 1998. Envíe su solicitud a la Oficina de Educación de STRI, Tel. 227-6022 • Fax 232-5978 • E-mail: barrioo@tivoli.si.edu

Request for Proposals

Funding is available for undersea research in the Caribbean region for 1999 through the Caribbean Marine Research Center (CMRC) under the auspices of the NOAA National

Undersea Research Program. CMRC will provide support for research that addresses the NOAA theme: spawning and larval dispersal studies with emphasis on essential habitat requirements for spawning and larval recruitment. The full request for proposals, instructions and contacts are available on CMRC's web page: <http://www.cmrc.org>

From Human Resources

Mark Leeming is searching for work in the field of biology. Does not require a large salary. He is an honours graduate in Zoology from the University of Otago, New Zealand. Will be traveling to Central America soon and is looking for work to support himself for at least three months. Qualifications: Well versed in laboratory and research methods, excellent computer skills, moderate command of Spanish, desire to do good science and gain more experience in the area of biology. E-mail: markleeming@hotmail.com

NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS

Boscolo, Marco, Buongiorno, Joseph and Oanayot^o Theodore. 1997. "Simulating options for carbon sequestration through improved management of a lowland tropical rainforest." *Environment and Development Economics* 2: 241-263.

Dalling, James W., Swaine, M.D. and Garwood, Nancy C. 1998. "Dispersal Patterns and Seed Bank Dynamics of Pioneer Trees in Moist Tropical Forest." *Ecology* 79(2): 564-578.

Nason, John D., Herre, E. Allen and Hamrick, James L. 1998. "The Breeding Structure of a Tropical Keystone Plant Resource." *Nature* 391: 685-687.

STRI May Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Aurelio Virgo | 1 |
| John Christy | 4 |
| Angel Aguirre | 5 |
| Steve Paton | 5 |
| Ernesto Peña | 7 |
| Juan B. Dutary | 13 |
| Juan Barría | 13 |
| Gabriel Jácome | 13 |
| Ubaldo Pimentel | 17 |
| Alejandro Arze | 17 |
| Anthony Coates | 20 |
| Eduardo Sierra | 20 |
| Félix Sánchez | 26 |
| Oscar Jiménez | 29 |
| Nancy Knowlton | 30 |

