



STRI NEWSLETTER

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SEMINAR NEWS:

Next Tuesday's luncheon seminar will be given by Rick Steger from the University of California, Berkeley on "Causes of variation in the aggressive behavior of stomatopods." This will be at the Ancon Conference Room--12 noon.

ARRIVALS:

Noel Holbrook, who will be working on the "Efficiency of biomass allocation for leaf support in large and small leaved pioneer trees" at BCI and Gamboa until August 31.

Richard Huber, Yale School of Forestry, arrived this week to participate in various conservation projects. Mr. Huber will be working at STRI, Darien and San Blas for a few months.

Mickey Marcus, Maine University, will be working together with W. Glanz on "Population ecology of squirrels and pacas in relation to fruit availability" on BCI from June 1-Aug. 31.

Francis Putz, University of Florida, to do research on the phenology of palms, Dipteryx phenology, liana phenology and island biogeography--part of the ESP program. Dr. Putz will be at BCI during June.

Joshua Schwartz, University of Connecticut, SI Short-term Fellowship to do studies on the interspecific acoustical interactions in three neotropical hylid frogs. Mr. Schwartz will be living and working in Gamboa until the end of August.

Dr. Kentwood Wells is back to study frog behavior from June 1 until August 31, He will be working on the mainland.

Returning this weekend is Dr. Frank Morris from his Washington trip.

A new STRI employee, Ms. Rosa Zambrano, has been hired as an Accounting Technician to take over the functions of M. C. Benitez. We welcome her to STRI.

LIBRARY NEWS

Recently revised databanks which can be reached through the Smithsonian Institution Libraries' access to online data systems include the following:

1. Foundation Grants Index which contains information on types and amounts of grants and descriptions of more than 3500 awarding institutions.
2. Career Placement Registry, a database which provides recruiters with resumes of experienced men and women as well as new or recent graduates.

PLANTS WANTED

All kinds for the gardens around the Ancon, Tivoli and Naos facilities.

LOST & FOUND

A pair of sunglasses in the Director's Office. Please claim.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY

Monday, May 31, 1982 will be a holiday for STRI employees. It is Memorial Day.

WANTED--SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Michael Meriwether, Marine Biology major at the University of Tampa (junior) is seeking summer employment starting immediately through August, 1982. He is a qualified diver who has done diving in river caverns and at the Florida Keys--is available for any type of job. Please contact him at 82-4688 or 43-5276.

FOR RENT:

In Los Rios, two bedroom furnished house for rent fourteen months starting June 1982. If interested, please call Ms. Wickham at 52-2862.

Vacation quarters, available first week of August until end of January. Three bedroom, 2 bath, double trailer in Curundu: \$350.00 per month. Please contact Bob or Kerry Dressler, Ancon Office.

Anyone with a car that they would like to have cared for or leased for the period of June through August, please contact I. Rubinoff--52-4254 (office).

PHOTO SUPPLIES

Should anyone wish to order any type of Kodak film, mailers or photo supplies through the FREE ZONE (for official use), please contact Kerry Dressler this week. The order would not be filled until the second week of June. KR 64 or 25 135-36 costs \$3.79 per roll. PK-36 mailers cost \$3.89.

FROM NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE OF TUTWA (WILDLIFE SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA)

Sometime in 1979, the frozen bodies of 200 Lammergeyers were imported into Germany from China. The birds had been caught alive and then killed by driving a nail into the back of their heads. The birds were destined for the work-tables of German taxidermists, who paid DM 600 (US\$350) per Lammergeyer. Once prepared and mounted, the same specimens fetch ten times this amount. There are lots of people willing to spend \$3500 for a stuffed example of El Quebrantahuesos.



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