

# STRI news '99

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## Bambi Seminar

Thursday, Sept. 30

Bambi seminar speaker will be Arturo Dominici, University of Costa Rica.

*Reef fishes from the Gulf of Papagayo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica: Habitat Community and Structure*

Reservations are essential. Please call BCI at 272-2124 or email: Bambi

## Charla del Mes

El I y el Patronato del Parque Natural Metropolitano invitan a toda la comunidad a la Charla Smithsonian del Mes, el miércoles 29 de septiembre, en el Salón Las Oropéndolas del Parque, a las 7:30 pm. La charla será dictada por el Dr. Richard Cooke.

*Excavaciones Arqueológicas en Cerro Juan Díaz*

## Arrivals

✓ David Barker, post doctoral fellow from the University of Colorado, Oct 1-Aug 3, 2000, to work with Klaus Winter on the use of chlorophyll fluorescence techniques to assess successional status of plants growing, on BCI.

✓ Gilbert Barrantes, University of Costa Rica, Oct 1-Dec 5, 1999, to study the phylogeographic analysis of *Phainoptila melanoxantha* in Costa Rica, at Naos.

✓ Christina Campbell, University of California, Oct 1-15, 1999, to assist in filming of spider monkeys for BBC documentary, on BCI.

✓ Hans Gehrig, visiting scientist from Germany, Oct 1, 1999- Jul 1, 2001, to work with John Cushman in the analysis of the evolution of Crassylacean Acid Metabolism (CAM) plants using DNA Microarray Technology, at Tupper.

✓ Julio Mercader, post doctoral fellow from George Washington University, Oct 1-Sept 30, 2000, to work with Dolores Piperno in the human colonization and environmental history in the African rainforest, at Ancon.

✓ Vojtech Novothy, short term visitor from Czech Academy of Science, Oct 1-30, 1999, to study the communities of sap-sucking herbivores (Homoptera) on conspecific trees in the canopy and understory of two rainforests in Panama, at Tupper.

✓ Wibke Thies, University of Tuebingen, Sept 25- Oct 10, 1999, to work with Elisabeth Kalko, on BCI.

✓ Jonathan Thomson, will be on internship from Sept 27- Dec 20, 1999, working with Penny Barnes on a survey of sediment regimes and marine angiosperms in the Bocas del Toro region of Panama.

## Departures

✓ Anthony Coates, Oct 1-10, 1999, to Maui, Hawaii where he has been invited to present a talk.

✓ Jorge Ventocilla, Sept 28-Oct 10, 1999, to Parque Nacional del Gran Chaco, Bolivia, as part of the OEC/STRI support in environmental education programs.

## Vehicle at Pipeline Road



There is a vehicle available behind the bridge at Rio Frijoles. The purpose of this vehicle is to be used as transportation for those projects that have been affected by the collapse of one of the bases of this bridge, which does not allow the vehicle transit past this place. For the moment, reservations will be made through the reception of Tupper building, calling to the telephone central (212-8000). The key can be requested at Tupper facilities, Gamboa, and BCI.

*Hemos colocado un vehículo detrás del puente Río Frijoles. El propósito de este vehículo es el de ser utilizado como trasbordo por aquellos proyectos que se han visto afectados por el derrumbe de una de las bases de este puente, lo cual no permite el tránsito de vehículos después de éste lugar. Por el momento, las reservaciones, se haran a través de la recepción del edificio Tupper, llamando a la central telefónica (212-8000). Las llaves pueden ser solicitadas en Tupper, Ancón y BCI.*