

NEW MEMBER OF SCIENTIFIC STAFF

STRI Director, Dr. Ira Rubinoff, has announced the appointment of DR. STEPHEN HUBBELL as Biologist at our Institute, effective July 6. Dr. Hubbell is on an intermittent appointment dividing his time between STRI and his appointment as Professor of Zoology and Faculty Scholar at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Hubbell received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1969 and has taught at the University of Michigan, as well as Iowa. He has pursued a distinguished career in the areas of Forest Ecology, Behavior of Social Insects and Mathematical Ecology.

In Panama, Dr. Hubbell will continue his research on the ecology of Barro Colorado Island, including studies of the spatial structure, patterns of abundance and dispersion in tropical forest trees. He will also continue studies on leaf cutter ants and the relationship of their foraging strategies to the defense mechanisms of their food plants. Dr. Hubbell will be a member of the Barro Colorado Island Research Committee and will reside on the island during his research periods in Panama.

SEMINAR NEWS

The Luncheon Seminar on Tuesday, July 20 will be given by JOSHUA SCHWARTZ, Smithsonian Visiting Research Fellow from the University of Connecticut. The subject of his seminar will be:

Interspecific acoustic interactions among Neotropical frogs

The seminar will be at Ancon.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

- JULY 19 - Arriving, DR. HOWARD LASKER, SUNY, and his assistant, MARY COFFROTH, Univ. of Miami, to study the effects of vegetative reproduction on gorgonian coral distributions. They will be at San Blas until August 26.
- JULY 20 - Arriving, KEN MORGAN, UCLA, to study body temperature regulation and energy metabolism of large scarabs. He will be on BCI until August 24.
- JULY 23 - Arriving, DR. KATHARINE MILTON, University of Cal.,

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES (Cont.)

Berkeley, for two weeks, to conduct census of howler and spider monkeys on BCI.

LEAVING:

Sandy Knapp, resident curator of the Missouri Botanical Garden after being in Panama for one year, and Jim Mallet, STRI Fellow, who was here for 6 months.

LIBRARY NEWSManna

Grateful thanks to Library donors: Dr. Nicholas Smythe for contributing more than forty valuable books, to Dr. and Mrs. Egbert Leigh for two classics: Cryptogamic Botany and Experiments in Plant Hybridization (Gregor Mendel) and to Dr. Henk Wolda for the Uttar Pradesh Journal of Zoology.

Mystery

Where are the Current Contents and Marine Science Contents stuck? Read or not, please pass on to your colleagues.

NOTES OF INTEREST

MARK and SUE DENNY will be leaving Panama at the end of August since Mark has been appointed Assistant Professor of Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station, in Pacific Grove California. They will need to sell various household items which include a car (Honda Accord), a large refrigerator, a washing machine, rattan living room furniture, a wooden rocking chair, plants, pots, etc. All are in excellent shape and going cheap. If interested please call them at 252-6820. They will also be selling used books at Ancon before the seminar on Tuesday, July 20.

The Pickering Family has a new member--- MARIA, born on May 14 to STELLA GUERRERO and JOHN PICKERING.

The refrigerator in the basement of the Tivoli Building (outside the MBG Herbarium) will be cleaned out during the coming week. All items that are left in the refrigerator after Monday, July 19 will be thrown away.

ILLUSTRATORS OFFERING THEIR SERVICES:

HENRY BARKER, art teacher at DOD Schools- tel. 252-6407.

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