

Tupper seminar

Tuesday, September 19, noon seminar speaker will be Truman Young, University of California at Davis.

The Kenya Long-Term Exclosure Experiment (KLEE): five years of herbivore manipulations in a semi-arid rangeland

Bambi seminars

Monday, September 18, Bambi seminar speaker will be Ed Tanner, University of Cambridge

Acclimation of shrubs (Psychotria) to gap and understory environments

Wednesday, September 20, Bambi seminar speaker will be Truman Young, University of California at Davis

The death of conservation biology: visions of a restoration ecologist

Thursday, September 21, Bambi seminar speaker will be Jonathan Hill, Southern Illinois University

Pudali: ceremonial exchange and social ecology in the Upper Rio Negro region of Venezuela

Naos seminar

Wednesday, September 20, Naos seminar speaker will be Kamal Ibrahim, University of East Anglia, UK

Population genetics of the swarming insect pests of the tropics

The seminar will be presented at the Naos Conference Room, building 1914. Visitors should enter through the door facing the Surfside building.

STRI news

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panamá

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STRI signed agreement with Ecoforest



(STRI photo by Marcos A. Guerra)

Director Ira Rubinoff, STRI and Ecoforest president Fernando González de Sola, signed an agreement of collaboration at STRI, Friday, September 1st. Ecoforest is a local NGO that is developing a reforestation and conservation program for the Panama Canal Watershed. Through this agreement, STRI and Ecoforest will develop research and monitoring programs of native tree species in the watershed area. Also in the photo are CTFS director Richard Condit and Elena Lombardo, advisor for external affairs.

Ira Rubinoff, director de STRI, y Fernando González de Sola, presidente de Ecoforest, firmaron un convenio de colaboración el viernes 1ro de septiembre en STRI. Ecoforest es una organización no gubernamental que está llevando a cabo un programa de reforestación y conservación diseñado para la Cuenca del Canal de Panamá. A través de este convenio, STRI y Ecoforest llevarán a cabo programas de investigación y monitoreo de especies nativas en el área de la cuenca. En la foto aparecen también Richard Condit, director del CTFS y Elena Lombardo, asesora de asuntos externos.

STRI firmó convenio con Ecoforest

Fundación Smithsonian has new executive director

Recently, Anna Lisa Simmons de Porras, was appointed executive director for Fundación Smithsonian de Panamá, and started working on Monday, September 4, at Tupper, #607 (ext. 8054). Anna Lisa brings 20 years of experience in the private sector and has a bachelor's degree in Administration and Finance from Stetson University, Florida. We welcome her to the Smithsonian family.

Anna Lisa Simmons de Porras, fue seleccionada recientemente para ocupar la posición de directora ejecutiva de la Fundación Smithsonian y empezó a trabajar el lunes 4 de septiembre, en Tupper, oficina #607 (ext. 8054). Anna Lisa tiene una licenciatura en administración y finanzas de la Universidad de Stetson de Florida y 20 años de experiencia en el sector privado. Le damos una cordial bienvenida a la familia Smithsonian.

Arrivals

Truman Young, invited speaker from the University of California at Davis, Sep 18- 24, to visit STRI and present seminars.

Jonathan D. Hill, invited speaker from Southern Illinois University, Sep 19 - 28, to give seminar and visit with colleagues.

Ben Warren, predoctoral fellow from University of East Anglia, U.K., Sep 20 - Apr 4, to work on the historical biogeography and evolution of birds on the Indian ocean islands, at Naos.

More arrivals

Mark and Diane Littler, Barret Brooks, and Constance Gasque, SI, Sep 20 - Oct 4, to study the bottom-up versus top-down controls of lagoonal coral reef habitats, on Bocas del Toro.

Cynthia Kicklighter, short-term fellow from Skidway Institute of Oceanography, Sep 23 - Dec 23, to study the defensive strategies in marine worms, on Bocas del Toro.

Departures

Ebvert G. Leigh, Jr., Sep 20 - Oct 28, to Washington, D.C., to consult with colleagues and work at SI.

New baby girl

Congratulations to Adriana Bilgray and Carlos Espinosa for the birth of their daughter Maria Cristina, on Thursday, September 14, at 11:20am. Maria Cristina weighed 5.12lb and measured 47cm. Early this week Adriana and Carlos sent flowers to their friends at STRI thanking for a baby shower and gifts.

Nuestras felicitaciones a Adriana Bilgray y a Carlos Espinosa, por el nacimiento de su hija Maria Cristina, el jueves 14 de septiembre a las 11:20am. Maria Cristina pesó 5.12lb y midió 47 cm. A principios de esta semana Adriana y Carlos mandaron un ramo de flores a sus amigos en STRI, en agradecimiento por el "baby shower" y los regalos.

From visitors at STRI web page

"I love the Canopy Crane Cam! Makes me feel like I am birding at Metro Park. Me encanta visitar esta página de Web, pues me da un aire nostalgia cuando veo los recientes proyectos y noticias del bosque tropical panameño. Gracias."



BCI residents dressed up and gathered at "Smith House" in a farewell ceremony to one of the last wooden constructions on BCI, which is to be demolished. The history and details around this building will be published in next *Full Moon*, BCI's monthly newsletter. (Photo: Christian Ziegler)

Los residentes de de Barro Colorado se vistieron de gala y se reunieron en la Casa Smith, en una ceremonia de despedida a una de las construcciones de madera más antiguas de BCI que está en proceso de demolición. La historia de esta casa y sus detalles será publicada en el próximo número de *Luna Llena*, el boletín mensual de Barro Colorado.

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Our oceans: future of mankind

ANAM, the Panamanian Environmental Authority, invites the STRI community to a clean-up of coasts and beaches on Sunday, September 17, starting 7am at the Ruins of Old Panama. RSVP at tels. 212-2573, 262-2050 o al 262-3989.

Nuestros océanos: futuro de la humanidad

La Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente, Region Metropolitana invita a la comunidad de STRI a una gran limpieza de playas y costas el domingo 17 de septiembre en las as de Panamá Viejo, desde las 7am. Confirme sus asistencia a los telefonos 212-2573, 262-2050 o al 262-3989.

Nota luctuosa

Alcides Domínguez, quien trabajó para STRI en la Isla de Barro Colorado de 1967-1986, murió el 11 de septiembre en la ciudad de Panamá. Nuestro pésame a sus familiares.

New publications

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