

Tupper seminar

Tuesday, December 10, noon seminar speaker will be Eldredge Bermingham, STRI
The evolutionary assembly of the Mesoamerican freshwater fish community. Or what can fish tell us about trees?.

Bambi seminar

Thursday, December 12, Bambi seminar speaker will be Bouchra El Omari, University of Barcelona

Physiological responses of *Quercus ilex* L. Resprouts after fire.

Arrivals

G. Swenson, University of Illinois, Dec 7-17, to work on the Automated Telemetry Project, on BCI.

Jeremy B.C. Jackson, Dec 10 - Jan 2, to continue research projects, at the CTPA.

Departures

William Laurance, Dec 9 - Jan 15, to Australia on vacation. Will also attend a conference sponsored by NASA in San Francisco to present a seminar at the University of California at Berkeley.

New publications

Ibáñez D., Roberto, Condit, Richard, Angehr, George, Aguilar, Salomón, García, Tomás, Martínez, Raúl, Sanjur, Amelia, Stallard, Robert F., Wright, S. Joseph, Rand, A. Stanley, and Heckadon Moreno, Stanley. 2002. "An ecosystem report on the Panama Canal: Monitoring the status of the forest communities and the watershed." *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment* 80(1): 65-95.

Plotkin, Joshua B., Chave, Jerome, and Ashton, Peter S. 2002. "Cluster analysis of spatial patterns in Malaysian tree species." *American Naturalist* 160(5): 629-644.



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STRI signs cooperation agreement with IATTC

STRI deputy director Cristián Samper and Vernon P. Scholey, technical representative of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), signed an agreement of scientific collaboration on November X. IATTC, an International Fisheries Commission headquartered in La Jolla, California, has a laboratory in Achotines, Los Santos province, that promotes research and education in tropical biodiversity. Through this agreement, STRI staff, researchers and affiliated students are granted the right to use the IATTC's Achotines Laboratory research facilities. On the other hand, STRI agrees



to promote the use of the Field Station by qualified researchers and include the IATTC Laboratory in the STRI general brochure and a link on STRI website. More about their installations at www.iattc.org



El subdirector de STRI, Cristián Samper, y Vernon P. Scholey, representante técnico de Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), firmaron un acuerdo de colaboración científica, el xx de noviembre. IATTC, una Comisión Pesquera Internacional con sede en la Jolla, California, posee

un laboratorio en Achotines, Panamá, que promueve la investigación y educación en biodiversidad tropical. A través de este acuerdo, el personal científico de STRI, estudiantes y visitantes, pueden usar las instalaciones de IATTC para investigación en Achotines. Por otro lado, STRI se compromete a promover el uso de la Estación de Campo por investigadores calificados, e incluir el Laboratorio de IATTC en el panfleto general de STRI y un enlace en su web.



STRI- Ministry of Foreign Relations Agreement

On Wednesday, December 4th, the Minister of Foreign Relations José Miguel Alemán and Ira Rubinoff signed a document to continue the process required for the international agreement under which the Institute operates in Panama.

Minister Alemán expressed his satisfaction with the fact that Panamá serves as a meeting place for foreign and local scientists. Dr. Rubinoff expressed his thanks for the continued support received from the Panamanian authorities, and presented the Minister with a copy of "A Magic Web", as a contribution by STRI to Panama's Centennial.

El pasado miércoles 4 de diciembre, su excelencia José Miguel Alemán, Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores y el Dr. Ira Rubinoff firmaron un documento para continuar el proceso de perfeccionamiento del Convenio Internacional, bajo el cual se enmarcan las operaciones del Instituto en Panamá.

El ministro Alemán reiteró su satisfacción con la presencia de tan prestigiosa Institución en el país y expresó su complacencia que Panamá fuese centro de encuentro entre ilustres científicos extranjeros y nacionales. El Dr. Rubinoff agradeció el continuo apoyo recibido por las autoridades panameñas y la ocasión fue propicia para presentarle al Señor Ministro copia del libro "A Magic Web" publicación sobre la Isla de Barro Colorado, como una contribución del Instituto a la conmemoración del Centenario de la República.