

Tupper seminar

Tue, Jun 25, noon seminar speaker will be Eldredge Bermingham, STRI
Title to be announced.

Bambi seminar

Thu, Jun 27, Bambi seminar speaker will be Bob Srygley
Locomotor mimicry

CTPA "charlas"

Fri, Jun 28, CTPA "Charla" speaker will be George Pearson, University of Kansas
Where North meets South: On the trail of the first humans that crossed the Isthmus of Panama

Arrivals

Martin Barker and Melissa Firedman, University of Florida, Jun 22 - Jul 2, to study leaf traits in tropical rainforest trees, at Sherman.

John Skillman, California State University, Jun 24 - Jul 14, to study the eco-physiology of tropical forest plants, at Tupper.

Sergio Floater and Carlos Ferreira, short-term fellows from Instituto de Estudios do Mar Almirante Paulo Moreira, Jun 27 - Aug 1, to study the biogeography of tropical Atlantic fishes, at Naos.

Departures

Don Windsor, Jun 22 - Jul 18, to Champaign, IL, to attend the meetings of the Society for the Study of Evolution and to Crete, Greece, to attend the 2nd International Walbachia Conference. He will also take a short vacation.



Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panamá

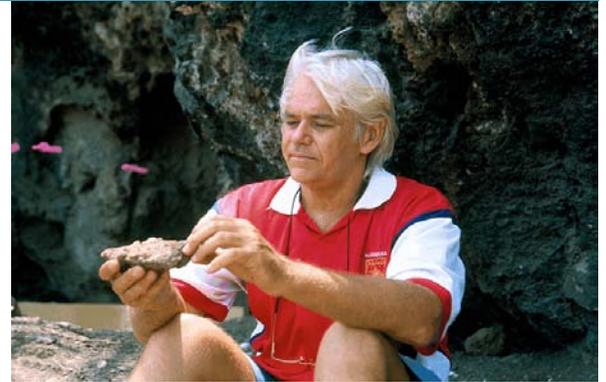
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Cooke awarded Guggenheim fellowship

STRI archaeologist Richard G. Cooke was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to conduct the project "Life and death at a Pre-Columbian settlement in Panama." The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation awards fellowships to advanced professionals who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity

for productive scholarship. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide fellows with blocks of time to work with as much creative freedom as possible, so grants carry no conditions. This year, the Guggenheim Foundation awarded 48 Latin American and Caribbean Fellowships for a total of \$1,750,000. There were 557 applicants. Cooke, who joined STRI as research associate in 1976 and was appointed staff scientist in 1983, started doing research on pre-Columbian Panama in 1972. He has authored more than 80 papers on Panamanian archaeology and human ecology.



El arqueólogo de STRI Richard G. Gooke recibió una beca Guggenheim para llevar a cabo el proyecto: "Vida y muerte en un asentamiento pre-colombino en Panamá." La Fundación en Memoria de John Simon Guggenheim otorga becas a profesionales avanzados que han demostrado una capacidad excepcional en su producción académica. El propósito de esta beca es ofrecer a los becarios períodos de tiempo para trabajar con la mayor libertad creativa posible, de modo que los fondos no exigen condiciones. Este año, la Fundación Guggenheim otorgó 48 becas en América Latina y el Caribe, por un total de \$1,750,000. Se presentaron 557 aplicaciones. Cooke, que se unió a STRI como investigador asociado en 1976 y fue nombrado investigador permanente en 1983, empezó a hacer investigaciones sobre el Panamá precolombino en 1972. Es autor de más de 80 publicaciones en arqueología y ecología humana panameña.

Students from 40 countries camping in Culebra



Three hundred students from Ruta Quetzal-BBVA camped in Culebra as part of a journey in Latin America to study the geography, history and the environments visited by Christopher Columbus on his 4th and last voyage to the Americas in 1502, five hundreds years ago. In the photo at left, the students rise at 6am in Culebra, on Wednesday, June 19. In the next page, several groups of students join STRI docents for a tour on the rocky shore of the island.

(Photos: Marcos A. Guerra)

More departures

Haris Lessios, Jun 26 - Jul 19, to Champaign, IL, to attend the meetings of the Society for the Study of Evolution, then to Washington DC, to work at SI.

Rachel Collin, Jun 26 - Jul 4, to Champaign, IL, to attend the meetings of the Society for the Study of Evolution.

Condolences

To Richard Condit, for the recent loss of his mother, in the U.S.

New publications

Velásquez Runk, Julie. 2001. "An interesting population of *Phytelephas* from Panama." *Palms* 45(4): 196-199.

Zippel, Kevin. 2002. "Conserving the Panamanian golden frog: Proyecto Rana Dorada." *Herpetological Review* 33(1): 11-12.

Upcoming event

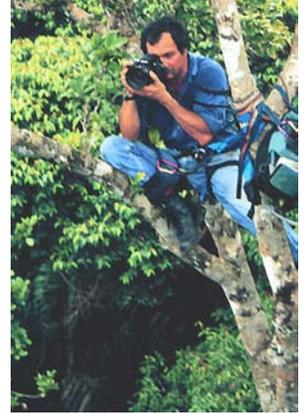
STRI will host a "Night with the Smithsonian" all week from 7:30 to 9pm, Mon-Fri, June 24-28 at Bocas del Toro, on Isla Colón. This activity, to be held at CEFATI-IPAT, celebrates June, month dedicated to natural resources in Panama, and aims to make the Bocas community aware of STRI activities on the island. An "Open-House Morning" for students will take place on Wed, June 26 at the STRI station in Istmito, with the participation of STRI staff scientists and support personnel. For more information call 212-8031 in Panama or 757-9794, in Bocas del Toro.

Trecientos estudiantes de Ruta Quetzal-BBVA acampan en Culebra como parte de un recorrido por Latinoamérica para estudiar la geografía, historia y los ambientes visitados por Cristóbal Colón en su cuarto y último viaje a las Américas en 1502, hace quinientos años. En la foto de la página anterior, los estudiantes se levantan a las 6am, el miércoles 19 de junio. En la foto a la derecha, varios grupos de estudiantes se unen a docentes de STRI en un recorrido guiado en costa rocosa de la isla.



Guerra appointed head of the Photographic Department

Due to the introduction of new techniques and STRI's need to offer specialized services at the Photographic Department, STRI photographer Marcos A. Guerra has been assigned with new responsibilities in addition of his present duties. Some of these responsibilities include administrative activities such as the development of policies, definition of objectives and priorities, attention to the department's users, coordination with other departments, and the development and maintenance of the photographic data base. As responsible for these responsibilities, Guerra has been appointed head of the Photographic Department.



Con la introducción de nuevas tecnologías y la necesidad de prestar servicios especializados en el Departamento de fotografía, se han asignado nuevas funciones a Marcos Guerra, además de las que actualmente realiza. Algunas de estas funciones incluyen asignaciones administrativas, tales como el desarrollo de políticas; definición de objetivos y prioridades, atención a los usuarios, coordinación con otros departamentos, y desarrollo y mantenimiento de la base de datos de fotografías. Como responsable de estas diferentes funciones, Guerra ha sido nombrado encargado del Departamento de Fotografía de STRI.

Guerra nombrado encargado del Departamento de Fotografía



El Negro Chimbombó The Chimbombó "Bro"

International actors Steve Paton and Wilbert Ford (left and right) were joined by actresses Xiomara Avila, Marla Díaz, Jennifer Campuzano, Sabina Walker, Damaris Martínez and Mirza Murillo (usual order) at STRI, for the premier presentation of "El Negro Chimbombó" [The Chimbombo "Bro"] on Friday, June 14, for the celebration of Father's Day at Tupper. Other actresses not shown were André Calixto, Eleuterio Sánchez, Aida Carrasco and Natacha Chandler. The play, directed and produced by Nereida Hernández, was attended by celebrities Miss Universe 2002 (left) and Erika Garibaldo (right).



Actores internacionales Steve Paton (iz) y Wilbert Ford (der) se unieron a las actrices Xiomara Avila, Marla Díaz, Jennifer Campuzano, Sabina Walker, Damaris Martínez y Mirza Murillo (orden usual) y André Calixto, Eleuterio Sánchez, Aida Carrasco y Natacha Chandler (no aparecen en las fotos), en el estreno de "El negro Chimbombó" el viernes 14 de junio, Día del Padre en Tupper. Durante el estreno, dirigido y producido por Nereida Hernández, hicieron aparición celebridades como Miss Universo (left) y Erika Garibaldo (der).

