

## Tupper seminar

Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, noon seminar speaker will be Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., STRI Golden section and spiral leaf arrangement

## Bambi seminar

Thursday, July 3, Bambi seminar speaker will be Charlotte Jander, Upsala University, Sweden  
**Title to be announced**

## Arrivals

Christina Campbell, Pomona University, CA, Jun 30 - Jul 14, to work on a census of the BCI spider monkeys, on BCI.

Nicole Whitney, University of Wisconsin, Jul 1 - 31, to work with Nicole Kime, in Gamboa.

Seth Ring and Daniel Dvoretz, University of Utah, Jul 1 - Jul 1, 2004, to work with Phyllis Coley, on BCI.

Ahn Heum Eom, Kansas State University, Jul 1-Aug 30, to study mycorrhizal of BCI

Franz Kainz, Karl-Franzens University, Jul 2 - Aug 14, to work with Robert Srygley, in Gamboa.

Jenifer Harper and Joseph Carter, University of North Carolina, Jul 4 - 18, to study Gastrochaenid systematics in Eastern Pacific and Western Atlantic regions, at Naos.

## Departures

Héctor Guzmán, Jun 28 - Jul 3, to Duluth, to attend the meetings of the Society for the Conservation of Biology.

John Christy, Jun 28 - Jul 12, Seattle, WA, on vacation.



Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panamá

[www.stri.org](http://www.stri.org)

June 27, 2003

## Soil biology meeting on BCI



The STRI soil biology initiative provided funding to gather a group of forest ecologists, soils ecologists and hydrologists on Barro Colorado Island from June 11-18. The objective of the meeting was to develop a set of protocols to describe spatial variation in soil-borne resources in forest dynamics plots coordinated by STRI's Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS). With support from NSF, soils work will be initiated on BCI and Yasuni plots later this

summer, with work continuing at eight additional CTFS plot sites over the next three years. The meeting—organized by STRI research associate James Dalling (sixth from the left, standing), former postdoctoral fellow from the University of Illinois— included researchers from the universities of Cornell, Louisiana State, Colorado, Illinois, the State University of New York, Instituto von Humboldt, Colombia, and Universidad Catolica, Ecuador (*Photo: Hillary Hamann*)

La iniciativa de biología de suelos de STRI aportó fondos para reunir a un grupo de hidrólogos y ecólogos forestales y de suelos del 11-18 de junio en Barro Colorado. El objetivo de la reunión fue desarrollar una serie de protocolos para describir variaciones espaciales en recursos contenidos en la tierra en las parcelas de dinámica de bosques que coordina el Centro de Ciencias Forestales del Trópico (CTFS) de STRI. Con el patrocinio de NSF, los trabajos de suelos se iniciarán en las parcelas de BCI y Yasuni este verano próximo, con trabajos que continuarán en ocho sitios de parcelas adicionales del CTFS en los próximos tres años. La reunión, organizada por el investigador asociado James Dalling (sexto desde la izquierda, de pie), ex-becario postdoctoral de STRI de la Universidad de Illinois, incluyó investigadores de las universidades de Cornell, Illinois, el Estado de Louisiana, Colorado, la Universidad Estatal de Nueva York, el Instituto von Humboldt en Colombia; y la Universidad Católica de Ecuador.

## Queensland-Smithsonian fellowship awarded for research at STRI

Recently, Joseph Holtum from James Cook University, Australia (left) was awarded a one-year Queensland-Smithsonian fellowship to study the effects of increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide on tropical plants with STRI staff scientist Klaus Winter, at STRI. In the photo, Queensland premier Peter Beattie (right) presents the award to Holtum, at Parliament House in Brisbane, Australia. Winter and Holtum will be working at Tupper, the Metropolitan Natural Park and the new Santa Cruz experimental site in Gamboa.





## More departures

William F. Laurance, Jun 29 - Jul 2, to Duluth, to attend the meetings of the Society for Conservation Biology. Then from Jul 5-20 he will travel to Aberdeen, for the ATB Conference, then to the Universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge, and the Institute of Zoology in London, to present seminars and visit with colleagues.

Joe Wright, Jul 2-14, to Aberdeen, to attend the ATB meetings.

D. Ross Robertson, Jul 2 - Sep 3, to Hawaii and French Polynesia, to collect fishes for demographic and genetic studies.

Ira Rubinoff, Jul 3-15, to Aberdeen, to attend the ATB Conference. Will also visit Oxford University and the Royal Botanical Garden and attend the Global Canopy Summit in London.

## Call for proposals

The Smithsonian Women's Committee is receiving applications for funding until August 1, 2003. In January 2003, the Women's Committee awarded \$404,000 in support of 25 projects at the Smithsonian. For further information, e-mail Heidi Austreng in Washington DC.

## Job opportunity

We are seeking the services of a data manager for STRI's Photo Department. Must be familiar with computer equipment, scanners, and Photoshop. Photography experience and English are desirable. Send a CV to Luz Latorraca before July 10<sup>th</sup> at [latorracal@tivoli.si.edu](mailto:latorracal@tivoli.si.edu)

Recientemente, Joseph Holtum, de la Universidad de James Cook en Australia (izquierda) recibió una beca Queensland-Smithsonian de un año, para estudiar el aumento del dióxido de carbono atmosférico en plantas tropicales, con el científico Klaus Winter de STRI. En la foto, Peter Beattie, premier de Queensland (derecha) hace entrega del certificado de premiación a Holtum, en la Casa Parlamentaria en Brisbane, Australia. Winter y Holtum estarán laborando en Tupper, el Parque Natural Metropolitano, y en el nuevo sitio experimental de Santa Cruz en Gamboa.



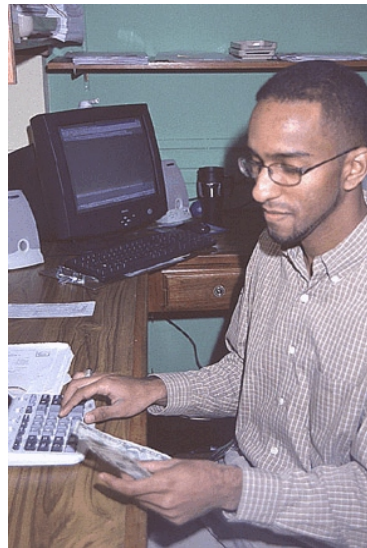
## New arrivals

Ecuadorian Juan Carlos Ricaurte-Altamirano, former sales manager at Pacific Larval Centre in Panama, was selected for the position of marine scientific manager at Naos Island Laboratories, effective Monday, June 30. Ricaurte, a biologist with a major in fisheries, served as diving officer and research assistant at the Charles Darwin Research Station in Galapagos, before moving to Panama. We welcome Juan Carlos into the STRI community.

El ecuatoriano Juan Carlos Ricaurte-Altamirano, gerente de ventas de Pacific Larval Centre en Panamá, fue seleccionado para la posición de administrador científico marino de los Laboratorios de Isla Naos, a partir del lunes, 30 de junio. Ricaurte, biólogo con especialización en pesquerías, sirvió como director de buceo y asistente de investigaciones en la Estación Científica Charles Darwin en Galápagos, antes de venir a Panamá. Le damos la bienvenida a la comunidad de STRI.

Eric Salas, former accountant in Contadores y Consultores Morgan & Morgan, was appointed as STRI's new cashier, effective Monday, June 2. He replaces Doris Jaén who was promoted to the accounts payable position in the Accounting Department. Salas is a student at the University of Panama. We wish him success in his new post.

Eric Salas, antiguo contador en Contadores y Consultores Morgan & Morgan, fue nombrado como nuevo contador de STRI, a partir del 2 de junio. El reemplaza a Doris Jaén, quien fue promovida a la posición de cuentras por pagar del Departamento de Contabilidad. Salas es estudiante en la Universidad de Panamá. Le deseamos éxito en su nueva posición.



## Congratulations

To Paulina and James LaFrankie, for the birth of their son James, on Tue, June 17, in La Union, Philippines. Little Jimmy weighed 7lb and 11½ oz and measured 51 cm.

## July birthdays

Mark Brady	2
Enith Rojas	2
Andrés Hernández	3
Orelis Arosemena	4
Nilka Tejeira	6
Eduardo Ortega	6
Renier Vargas	8
Dora Justo	10
Rufino González	10
Meylín Hernández	12
Rubén Hernández	12
Sotero Campos	12
Phyllis Coley	13
Raineldo Urriola	16
Abdiel Oses	19
Oscard Saldaña	19
Arcenio Pérez	20
Daniel Pérez	21
Rachel Collin	22
Javier Jara	22
Oris Acevedo	22
Andrés Lee	22
Irina Casal	23
Santiago Bonilla	25
Olga Barrio	25
Marie Massa	25
Andrea Perez	26
Ana Luisa De La Espada	26
Carlos Grael	26
Jeniffer Campuzano	26
Maria Lorena Cabrera	27
Willie Pomaires	27
Egbert G. Leigh, Jr.	27
Alejandro Ureña	28
Ricardo Thompson	30
Felix Rodriguez	31
David Guardia	31
José I. Sánchez	31
Fernando Caballero	31

## Miscellaneous

For sale: Across stove, 30" beige \$100, Split AA 28,000 BTU LG, \$500, Window AA, 12,000 BTU, \$150. Interested please call Anabelle Arroyo at the CTPA in Ancon.