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Tupper seminar

Tue, Dec 3, noon seminar speaker will be Adolfo Amezquita, Universidad de Los Andes
Mountains, forests, and the evolution of frog communication.

Bambi seminar

Thu, Dec 5, Bambi seminar speaker will be Drude Molbo, University of Lausanne
Fig wasp mating structure: implications for evolutionary theory

Arrivals

Maurice Thomas and Carlos Iudica, Palm Beach Atlantic College, Dec 2 - 15, to study the reproductive patters, community structure and population fluctuations of bats in cave roosts, at Bocas.

James Van Tassell, short-term visitor from Hofstra Univ., Dec 2 - 22, to study the phylogeny and biogeography of the east Pacific *Gobiosomiuni* (Teleostei: Gobiidae), at Naos.

John Skillman, California State Univ. Dec 5, to study the ecophysiology of tropical forest plants, at Tupper.

Departures

William Laurance, Nov 23-Dec 4, to Gabon to assist in planning and development of protocols for the upcomming Shell Gabon assesment in Gamba.

Luis D'Croz, Nov 24-Dec 4 , to the Canary Islands and to carry out research with colleagues for the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas de España.

Cristian Samper, Nov 26-30, to London to attend the meetings of the Scientific Council of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (NUEP-WCMC).

Rachel Collin, Nov 30 - Dec 6, to Grand Cayman, to represent STRI at the CARIOMP meetings.

RV Urracá inspected for UNOLS

Emma Dieter, National Science Foundation (NSF) officer visited STRI with members of Jamestown Marine Services (JMS), to inspect STRI's *RV Urracá*, from Wednesday November 13 to Thursday, November 14. JMS has been contracted by NSF to inspect the whole fleet of University-National Laboratory System (UNOLS) research vessels. UNOLS is an organization of 64 academic institutions and National Laboratories in the United States involved in oceanographic research, established for the purpose of coordinating oceanographic ships' schedules, research facilities and services provided to marine scientists. JMS will provide STRI with a report in eight weeks about the result of the inspection of the RV Urracá. More information about UNOLS at **www.unols.org**

Emma Dieter, funcionaria de la Fundación Nacional para las Ciencias de los Estados Unidos (NSF) visitó STRI con miembros de Jamestown Marine Services (JMS) para inspeccionar al *R.V. Urracá*, del miércoles 13 de noviembre al jueves 14. JMS ha sido contratado por NSF para inspeccionar toda la flota de embarcaciones para la investigación del Sistema Nacional de Universidades Laboratorios, UNOLS. UNOLS es una organización de 64 instituciones académicas y laboratorios académicos de los Estados Unidos dedicados a la investigación científica, que fue creada con el propósito de coordinar los viajes oceanográficos, las instalaciones cinetíficas y los servicios que se prestan a los investigadores marinos. JMS suministrará un informe para STRI en ocho semanas, sobre los resultados de la inspección del RV Urracá. Más información sobre UNOLS en **http://www.unols.org**

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Farewell

To Christie Young, from STRI's CTFS office in Washington DC, who accepted a new position with the Peru Program of the Nature Conservancy. Christie would love to hear from us in the land of the Inca at **christie.young@aya. yale.edu**