Tupper seminar

Tuesday, December 12, our seminar speaker will be Harilaos Lessios, STRI. When did the most important herbivore in the Caribbean expand its populations?

Bambi seminar

Thursday, December 14, Bambi seminar speaker will be Michael Jennions, STRI. A practical introduction to Meta-analysis and publication bias: a worked example: River Phoenix vs Sean Connery

Arrivals

Matthew Craig, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Dec 9-20, to work on the evolutionary history of Chaenopsidae, on Bocas del Toro.

Travis Smith, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Dec 9-20, to visit STRI facilities for future research projects, in Ancon and Bocas del Toro.

Heather Passmore and Jon Hess, Louisiana State University, Dec 10-20, to work with Julie Denslow on the effects of light and litter on seedling dynamics across a rainfall gradient, on BCI, Gamboa and Ft. Sherman.

Kristen Silvius, short-term fellow from Florida Atlantic University, Dec 12-19, to study complex interactions in the palm/palm bruchid system: implications for the evolution of frugivory systems, on BCI.

Michaela Hau, Princeton University, Dec 15 - Feb 3, to work on reproduction, territoriality, and hormones in a rainforest bird model system in Gamboa.

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BDFFP receives Henry Ford Conservation Awa

STRI's Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project (BDFFP) in Brazil recently received the 2000 Henry Ford Brazilian Conservation Award in recognition of Science and Human Resource Training with the proposal. The BDFFP: 21 years of research and training in the Amazon. This award, established in 1996 by Conservation International and the Brazilian Division of the Ford Motor Company, recognizes the most significant contributions for natural resource conservation in Brazil. The awarding jury noted that "During the last 20 years of existence, the Project has produced important scientific contributions for the Amazon, through publishing more than 300 scientific papers and two books. Furthermore, the Project has played an important role in training leaders in conservation for the Amazon region... The courses and internship programs offered by the Forest Fragments Project are unique, and are models for how to train young conservation professionals working in the Amazon and throughout Brazil."

Information: courtesy of Christy M. Young, Center for Tropical Forest Science

Recientemente, el Proyecto de Dinámica Biológica de Fragmentos de Bosques de STRI (BDFFP, por sus siglas en inglés) recibió el Premio Henry Ford para la Conservación en Brasil 2000, en reconocimiento de Ciencia y Entrenamiento de Recursos Humanos con la propuesta. El BDFFP: 21 años de investigación y entrenamiento en el Amazonas. Este premio, establecido en 1996 por Conservation International y la División Brasileña de Ford Motor Company, tiene como objetivo reconocer las contribuciones más significativas para la conservación de recursos naturales en Brasil. El jurado calificador comentó que "durante sus últimos 20 años de existencia, el Proyecto ha producido contribuciones científicas importantes para el Amazonas a través de más de 300 artículos y dos libros. Además, el Proyecto ha jugado un papel muy importante en el entrenamiento de líderes conservacionistas en la región del Amazonas... Los cursos y el programa de becas que ofrece el Proyecto de Fragmentos de Bosques son únicos, y son un modelo de cómo entrenar profesionales en la conservación en el Amazonas y en todo Brasil.

Información: cortesía de Christy M. Young, CTFS

Solar panels for Gigante and Bocas

STRI's Office of Physical Plant installed solar cells at the Gigante Peninsula facility in Gatun Lake, Barro Colorado Nature Monument, and in Bocas del Toro's Island Research Station, to provide these remote facilities with 24-hour electricity. This project was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. The photo shows the solar cells in Gigante.

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