

More arrivals

Amy Bivin, Endangered Species Office, North Carolina, and Dennis Reagle, Kathryn Randall and Nancy Schoeppner, University of Pittsburgh, Dec 27 - Jan 15, to work with Walter Carson, in Gigante and BCI.

Greg Adler, University of Wisconsin, Dec 28 - Jan 27, to study the limiting and regulating factors in populations of a tropical forest rodent, *Proechimys semispinosus*, on BCI, Gamboa and Fortuna.

John Lokvam, University of Utah, Dec 28 - Jan 20, to work with Phyllis Coley, on long term studies of herbivory and pathogen damage to tropical trees, on BCI.

Lubomir Masner, Agriculture Canada, Canadian National Collection, Dec 29 - Jan 17, to study aquatic and semiaquatic parasitic wasps of the families Diapriidae and Scelionidae (Hymenoptera) of Central America.

James Woolley and Matthew Yoder, Texas A & M, Dec 29 - Jan 17, to do monographic research in parasitic Hymenoptera.

Congratulations!



To Juan Alberto Alvarez and Olga Barrio, for their marriage on Saturday, December 16 at the City Club, Panama City.

Auditor del sistema telefónico

STRI solicita los servicios a medio tiempo (40 horas mensuales) de auditor para el sistema telefónico en todas las instalaciones del Instituto. Se requiere que la persona seleccionada prepare informes con el sistema de tarifas AQCT y estadísticas. Deberá auditar recibos de compañías de telecomunicaciones, e informar sobre cargos personales a usuarios de teléfonos en STRI. Los candidatos deberán dominar el inglés, tener conocimiento de programas de Microsoft Office, Excel, Word y Access, y estar cursando estudios en Ingeniería de Sistemas, Contabilidad, o Finanzas. Interesados deben presentar su hoja de vida, copia de diplomas, y los nombres y teléfonos de tres referencias recientes, a la Oficina de Recursos Humanos, STRI, Apartado 3353, Balboa, Ancón, República de Panamá. Se recibirán solicitudes hasta el 3 de enero de 2001.

STRI in the news

En busca de un elixir tropical, by Errol E. Caballero, *La Prensa*, December 16, page 1B describes the process of new drug finding in the tropics and mentions the ICBG bioprospecting project.

¿Tecnología sin Ciencia? by Lina Vega Abad, *La Prensa* December 16, page C1 highlights the STRI effect on Panama's scientific production and investment.

Parcelas Curativas by Errol E. Caballero, *La Prensa*, December 16, page 4B explains that one out three plant compounds analyzed by the ICBG project, is new to the botanical literature.

Catherine R. Bevier, from Colby College in Maine, wrote a book review on the book and accompanying CD by Roberto Ibáñez, A. Stanley Rand and César Jaramillo *The Amphibians of Barro Colorado Nature Monument, Soberania National Park and Adjacent Areas* in *Copeia* 2000(2): 628-629.

Campamentos de verano en Culebra

El Centro de Exhibiciones en Punta Culebra ofrece campamentos de verano para niños de 6-12 años. Su hijo conocerá de la vida marina que habita en nuestros dos mares, y disfrutará de actividades al aire libre, manualidades y mucha diversión, por \$85, incluyendo seguro, materiales, y transporte desde el Centro Tupper ida y vuelta.

Fechas: enero 15-19, y enero 29-2 de febrero, 8am-12m
Cupos limitados. Llame al 212-8170 y 212-8171

Recent graduates

Andrew Crawford, former STRI short-term fellow, obtained a PhD at the University of Chicago for his dissertation research titled "Evolution and maintenance of a color pattern polymorphism in Neotropical frogs." Andrew was awarded a NSF International Research Fellowship to continue research on the evolutionary and conservation genetics of tropical frogs with Federico Bolaños, University of Costa Rica, and Eldredge Bermingham, STRI.

Gilbert Barrantes, former STRI short-term fellow, obtained his PhD at University of Missouri-St. Louis with the dissertation "Ecology and evolution of *Phainoptila melanoxantha* (Bombycillidae, Aves) in the highlands of Costa Rica and western Panama. Staff scientist E. Bermingham and STRI research associate Robert Ricklefs served as members of his committee.

Financial support

Due to the success of the first year of sponsorship, ELEKTRA Noreste, a local power company, has expanded its financial contribution to STRI from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for a scholarship in marine sciences and for improving the marine educational facilities in Galeta.

Our condolences

To Jorge Aranda and his family, for the loss of his 6-year old daughter on Monday, December 18.

To José Barahona and his family, for the death of his father on Wednesday, December 20.