

## Tupper seminar

Tuesday, February 6, noon seminar speaker will be Axel Meyer,, University of Konstanz, Germany  
**Title to be announced**

## Bambi seminar

Thursday, February 8, Bambi seminar speaker will be Betsy Arnold, University of Arizona, who will speak about her own work, as well as a collaborative effort with Allen Herre, Zuleyka Maynard, Luis Mejia, Enith Rojas, and Nancy Robbins

**Putting the FUN back in Fungi: adventures in the abundance and diversity of fungal endophytes in tropical trees**

## Arrivals

STRI deputy director Cristian Samper, Jan 31-Feb 6, to attend the meetings of the SI National Board.

STRI staff scientist Jeremy Jackson, Feb 1-7, to attend the meetings of the SI National Board.

STRI staff scientist Steve Hubbell, Feb 1-5, to attend the meetings of the SI National Board.

Brenda Larison, graduate student fellow from the University of California, Feb 5 - Apr 13, to work on the environmental and maternal effects on the wing-polymorphism in the seed bug *Jadera avola*, on BCI.

Axel Meyer, senior scholar from the Universität Konstanz, Feb 5-10, to visit STRI facilities and present seminar.



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Undersecretary Dennis O'Connor

## SI National Board in Panama

SI officials and members of the Smithsonian National board and their spouses arrived in Panama on Wednesday, January 31 on a study tour. Group visits to Contadora Island on the R/V *Urracá*, the Canopy Crane, Bocas del Toro and Coibita were

organized for the tour. Panamanian president Mireya Moscoso invited the board to a reception at the Presidential Palace on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. They also visited the Tupper Center, STRI's CTPA and the Canal Museum, and are scheduled to visit Barro Colorado Island, the Marine Exhibition Center in Punta Culebra and the Gamboa Rainforest Resort. Secretary Small arrived in Panama on Thursday to join the group. The STRI staff in Washington, Elizabeth Losos, Cherie Wassoff and Lisa Barnett also traveled to Panama to support the visit. Public information director Mónica Alvarado has coordinated the event.



SI diving officer Michael Lang with members of the board on the R/V *Urracá*



*(Photos: STRI by Tony Calvo (top, left) and Marcos A. Guerra)*

Directivos del Smithsonian y miembros de la junta de Síndicos de SI llegaron a Panamá con sus esposas(os) el miércoles 31 de enero, en una visita de estudio. Visitas de grupos a Isla Contadora en el R/V *Urracá*, la grúa del dosel del bosque en el Parque Metropolitano, Bocas del Toro y Coibita se han organizado para esta visita. La presidenta Mireya Moscoso invitó a los miembros de la junta a una recepción en el Palacio de las Garzas el jueves 1ro de febrero. También visitaron el Museo del Canal de Panamá, el Centro Tupper y el CTPA, y tienen planeado visitar la Isla de Barro Colorado, el Centro de Exhibiciones Marinas en Punta Culebra y el Gamboa Rainforest Resort. El Secretario Lawrence Small llegó a Panamá el jueves para unirse al grupo. El personal de STRI en Washington, Elizabeth Losos, Cherie Wassoff y Lisa Barnett también viajaron a Panamá para brindar su apoyo. Mónica Alvarado, directora de la Oficina de Información está organizando el evento.

## Junta de Síndicos de SI en Panamá



## More arrivals

Nadine Folino and two assistants from Wheaton College, Illinois, Feb 9-12, to study the collection of freshwater Bryozoa and Hydroids.

## Departures

Noris Salazar, Feb 9- to Costa Rica, to attend a workshop and continue field research.

## New honor

STRI staff scientist David Roubik was elected to the Scientific Committee of "Silvolab", a new tropical research institute devoted to tree genetics and reproduction studies run by l'Institute National pour la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) and l'Centre de Cooperation Internationale de la Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD), in French Guiana. He will attend yearly evaluation meetings in French Guiana and France to guide research programs at both sites.

## New publications

Wellington, Gerald M. And Roberson, D. Ross. 2001. "Variation in larval life-history traits among reef fishes across the Isthmus of Panama." *Marine Biology* 138 (1): 11-22.

## STRI news



Headline photo: *Urbanus esma* (family Hesperidae), by Annette Aiello.



## STRI signed new operations agreement with Panama

Director Ira Rubinoff signed a new agreement with the Panamanian Foreign Relations minister José Miguel Alemán on Wednesday, January 26. This agreement replaces the one signed in 1997 and facilitates STRI's operations in Panama  
(Photo: Marcos A. Guerra)

El director Ira Rubinoff firmó un nuevo acuerdo con el ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, José Miguel Alemán, el miércoles 26 de enero. Este acuerdo reemplaza el acuerdo firmado en 1997 y facilita las operaciones de STRI en Panamá.

## STRI firmó nuevo convenio de operaciones con Panamá

## CLOFTEP: tropical fish checklist on-line

Melvin Wilson (died 1998) and STRI staff scientist D. Ross Robertson completed and released the electronic Checklist of fishes of the tropical eastern Pacific [www.biobase.org/cloftep/](http://www.biobase.org/cloftep/) sponsored by Vagabond Odyssey and STRI. This checklist follows the book *Fishes of the Tropical Eastern Pacific* by Allen and Robertson 1994 (Spanish version, 1998). CLOFTEP includes living species of bony fishes that inhabit the upper 200 meters of the water column and all living species of cartilaginous fishes in the tropical or Panamic region of the eastern Pacific Ocean (approximately 1400 species in 156 families). It will be updated periodically and will also be available at [www.stri.org](http://www.stri.org) and on CD.

## More on the board

(Photos: Marcos A. Guerra)

SI National Board secretary Max Berry introduces



Arriba a la derecha el secretario de la Junta de Síndicos de SI presenta otros miembros de la Junta a la Presidenta Mireya Moscoso. Abajo, en el Museo del Canal, los científicos Stanley Heckadon, Mary Jane West-Eberhard, Fernando Santos-Granero, Olga F. Linares y Cristian Samper, se unieron a la Junta de Síndicos.

## Construction on Roosevelt Avenue

Starting next week the construction on Roosevelt Av. (Tupper main entrance) will not allow two-lane traffic. Police will be posted on Mamey St. and Frangipanni Av. to direct traffic.

A partir de la próxima semana la construcción en Ave. Roosevelt no permitirá el uso de dos carriles. Habrá policía en Calle Mamey y Ave. Frangipanni dirigiendo tráfico.

## Construcción en Ave. Roosevelt



board member Henry Muñoz to president Mireya Moscoso at the Presidential Palace, on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Scientists Stanley Heckadon Moreno, Mary Jane West-Eberhard, Fernando Santos-Granero, Cristian Samper and Olga F. Linares joined members of the SI National Board at the Panama Canal Museum, on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Más sobre la Junta de Síndicos