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Over 500 tropical biologists meet in Panama City

STRI, with the Center for Tropical Forest Science and the Organization for Tropical Studies hosts this year's annual meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology from Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 2 at Hotel El Panamá, in Panama City. Conference participants will present the latest advances in tropical biology. Twenty-one symposia span themes from tropical paleoclimate to forest fragmentation. An open mixer (\$20 per person) will be held at El Panama Hotel on Monday, July 29 at 7pm, by the pool area. See the entire schedule at the meeting website: www.stri.org/atb2002. Daily updates on the meetings can be seen at www.stri.org beginning Wednesday, July 31st. The photo show young STRI volunteers filling the congress's bags with information about ATB and STRI.

STRI, con el Centro de Ciencias Forestales del Trópico y la Organización de Estudios Tropicales STRI, las reuniones anuales de este año de la Asociación de Biología Tropical, del 29 de julio al 2 de agosto, en el Hotel El Panamá de esta ciudad. Los participantes de la conferencia presentarán los últimos avances de la biología tropical. Se celebrarán 22 simposios que hablan desde paleoclima tropical hasta fragmentación de bosques. Un brindis abierto (\$20 por persona) se llevará a cabo en el área de la piscina del Hotel El Panamá, el lunes 29 de julio. Vea el programa completo del congreso en www.stri.org/atb2002. Se publicarán actualizaciones sobre las reuniones diariamente en www.stri.org a partir del miércoles, 31 de julio.

A grant from Conservation International (CI) was awarded to research associate Todd Capson in order to coordinate a project with Panama's National Authority of the Environment (ANAM) and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute to help prevent illegal fishing within the Coiba National Park (CNP). The CI funds are being used for a feasibility study which envisions the placement of buoys to delimit the boundaries of the CNP, a system of radars that will allow ANAM personnel to detect the entry of boats into the CNP and environmental education programs in the communities that routinely fish within the CNP. The funds allowed Woods Hole engineer Will Ostrom to carry out bathymetric studies of the ocean floor around the boundaries of CNP. Ostrom developed a device that simultaneously measures the depth of the ocean while recording precise GPS coordinates at each of the sites along the boundary of the CNP where a buoy will be placed. All of the data is then downloaded into a laptop computer. The use of radar means that ANAM personnel will no longer have to engage in the routine patrolling of the CNP, an expensive means of patrolling a marine park with a total area of 2,700km².

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