

Tupper seminar

Tuesday, September 18, noon seminar speaker will be Nathaniel J. Dominy, University of Hong Kong
Tender is the leaf: Let's get sensual about primate feeding

Bambi seminar

Thursday, September 20, Bambi seminar speaker will be Christian Ziegler, University of Wurzburg, to show an informal slide presentation on BCI photographs. This will also be showed at Tupper in December.

Arrivals *

Fredic Vendl, State University of New York, Sep 15 - Sep 15, 2002, to study macroevolution trends in tortoise beetle: host use and shield defenses, in Gamboa and Tupper.

Robert Srygley, Oxford University, Sep 16 - Aug 31, 2002, to study the behavioral convergence in Mullerian and Batesian mimetic butterflies, in Gamboa and BCI.

Alexander Lang, Sep 16 - Dec 8, to work with Ingeborg Teppner on environmental gradients in predation by bats and its influence on acoustic communication in neotropical katydids (Orthoptera: Tettigoniidae) in Gamboa.

Sarah McGill, Sep 17 - Dec 20, to work as intern with Laura Flores, at the Business Initiative Office, at Tupper.

* Not all airports in the United States are open. Delays must be expected.



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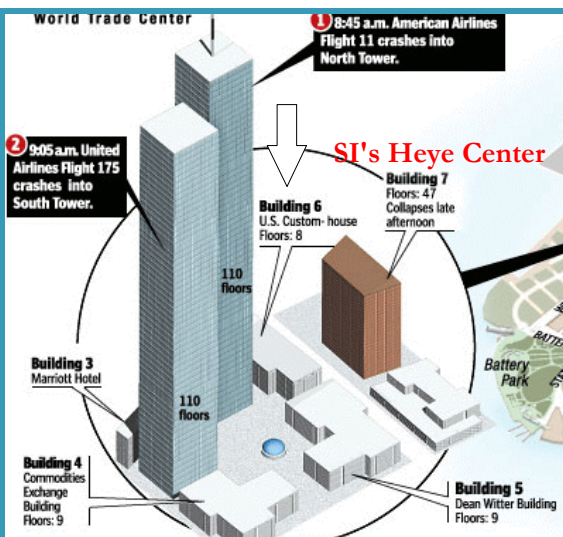
September 14, 2001

Messages from Secretary Small

One day after the attacks in New York City and Washington DC on Tuesday, September 11, SI Secretary Small addressed all employees to share his sorrow and his appreciation for all efforts and dedication to the Smithsonian during this difficult time. "The museums, research centers, and facilities of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, are open." The Cooper-Hewitt Museum and the Archives of American Art in New York City were expected to open the next day. The George Gustav Heye Center located in Lower Manhattan in the US Custom House will be closed until further notice. On Friday, September 14, Secretary Small had a new message, "President George W. Bush has proclaimed Friday, Sep. 14th a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks." Accordingly, at noon (EST) today, Friday, Sept. 14th, we ask that all employees to stop business as usual for an appropriate period of time to silently reflect on the events of this week." He announced that several of our colleagues in New York City have not



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nuevo aviso. El viernes, 14 de septiembre, el Secretario Small se dirigió nuevamente a los empleados: "El Presidente George W. Bush ha proclamado el viernes 14 de septiembre como Día Nacional de Oración y Remembranza por las Víctimas de los Ataques Terroristas." Por ello, al mediodía de hoy pedimos que todos detengan sus labores por un período apropiado para reflexionar en silencio sobre los eventos de esta semana. Small anunció que varios de nuestros colegas en New York City no han sido contactados. "Les pido que tengan en mente a nuestros compañeros, ya que ellos pueden tener familiares y amigos afectados por la tragedia."

Mensajes del Secretario Small

yet been reached. "Please keep our co-workers in your thoughts as they may well have family and friends affected by the tragedy."

Un día después de los ataques a New York y Washington DC el martes 11 de septiembre, el Secretario Small se dirigió a todos los empleados del para compartir su dolor y agradecimiento por todos los esfuerzos y dedicación al Smithsonian durante este momento tan difícil. "Los museos, centros de investigación e instalaciones del Smithsonian en Washington DC están abiertos." En ese momento se esperaba que el Museo Cooper-Hewitt y los Archivos de Arte Americano en New York abrirían el siguiente día. El Centro George Gustav Heye localizado al sur de Manhattan en el edificio de Aduanas de los Estados Unidos se mantendrá cerrado hasta

More arrivals

David Kline, pre-doctoral fellow from the University of California in San Diego, to study the role of environmental and anthropogenic stresses in emerging coral diseases, at Naos and Bocas del Toro.

Jessica Seidman, Mellon intern from Wesleyan University, Sep 16 - Nov 1, to study the molecular structure of binding in the sea urchin genus *Diadema*, at Naos.

Alejandra Carvajal, Universidad del Valle, Sep 18 - Nov 19, to work with Gregory Adler on the limiting and regulating factors in populations of a tropical forest rodent *Proechimys semispinosus*.

Louis Santiago, University of Florida, Sep 20 - Oct 10, to study leaf characteristics along an environmental gradient, at Tupper.

Congratulations

To José Deago and Yaribeth de León, for the birth of their daughter Daniela Alejandra, on Monday, September 10. She weighed 6.5 lbs.

To Jennifer Campuzano and Rigoberto Díaz, for the birth of their son, on Thursday, September 6. He weighed 6lbs and measured 48.5cm.

To Nayda Flores with the ICBG project, who obtained a bachelor with honors in Biology with a major in Botany at the University of Panama with the thesis "Comunidades de Musgos Corticícolas del Parque Nacional Cerro Hoya"



STRI deputy director Cristián Samper paid a courtesy visit to Foreign Relations minister José Miguel Alemán, in his offices at Quarry Heights on Thursday, August 9.

(Photo: Elena Lombardo)

El subdirector de STRI Cristián Samper sostuvo una visita de cortesía con el ministro de Relaciones Exteriores José Miguel Alemán en sus oficinas en Quarry Heights, el jueves 9 de agosto.



New road to CTPA

STRI's Office of Physical Plant completed the road that communicates STRI Apartment Building Number 235 on Ancon Boulevard and the CTPA (Ancon). Work on this road began early this year to facilitate the access of STRI personnel between Tupper and the Center for Tropical Paleocology and Archaeology in Ancon.

(Photo: Fernando Pascal)

La Oficina de Diseño y Construcción de STRI completó una calle de acceso que comunica el edificio de apartamentos de STRI No. 235 en Ancon Boulevard y el CTPA en Ancón. Los trabajos de construcción empezaron a principios del año, con el propósito de facilitar el acceso del personal entre Tupper y el Centro de Paleocología y Arqueología Tropical en Ancón.

Nueva calle hacia el CTPA

Fellowships for advance professionals

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation is offering fellowships for research in the creative arts, humanities, natural and social sciences to advance professionals. The deadline for proposals is October 1, 2001. For more information please visit www.gf.org.

Book on the lives of BCI scientists

In her recently published book *The Tapir's Morning Bath*, free-lance reporter Elizabeth Royte "weaves together her own adventures on Barro Colorado with tales of researchers struggling to parse the intricate working on the rain forest, the most complicated natural system of the planet." Royte acknowledges the collaboration of STRI scientists, visiting scientists, fellows and personnel at the Island during her two visits to BCI. She used information stored at the Smithsonian Institution Archives in Washington DC, and oral history interviews with Ira Rubinoff, Stanley Rand, Neil Smith, Nicholas Smythe, Robin Foster Don Windsor, Fausto Bocanegra, Graham Bell Fairchild, Oscar Dean Kidd, and Alexander Wetmore. The STRI bookstore will sell this book shortly.

New STRI publications

Jiggins, Chris D., Linares, Mauricio, Naisbit, Russell E., Salazar, Camilo, Yang, Ziheng H., and Mallet, James. 2001. "Sex-linked hybrid sterility in a butterfly." *Evolution* 55(8): 1631-1638.

Laurance, William F. 2001. "Future shock: forecasting a grim fate for the Earth." *Trends In Ecology & Evolution* 16(10): 531-533.

Møller, Anders Pape, and Jennions, Michael D. 2001. "Testing and adjusting for publication bias." *Trends In Ecology & Evolution* 16(10): 580-586.

STRI in the news

"Consequences of community drift" by Claire de Mazancourt. Book review of the Unified Neutral Theory by Stephen Hubbell. 2001. *Science* Vol. 293: 1772.