

Tupper seminar

Tuesday, December 4th, noon seminar speaker will be Jeremy B.C. Jackson, STRI
Unnatural oceans

Bambi seminar

Thu, Dec 6, Bambi seminar speaker will be Alexander Lang, University of Graz, Austria
Calling for mates make them a suitable prey for bats —what can neurobiology tell us about katydids behaviour?

Charla en CTPA

Viernes 30 de noviembre, 4pm. Julia Mayo, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Métodos y técnicas de manufactura de la industria de conchas marinas: análisis de artefactos de conchas y líticos encontrados en Cerro Juan Díaz (provincia de Los Santos, Panamá)

Arrivals

Edward Whidden, McGill University, Dec 1 - May 15, to work with Nigel Roulet at the Sardinilla Carbon Project.

Bernd Degan, Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique, French Guiana, Dec 4-13, to work with Antoine Kremer on comparative demography and population genetics of trees in French Guiana and Panama, on a Mellon grant, at Naos.

Ulrich Mueller, University of Texas at Austin, Dec 4-15, to study evolutionary-ecology of the attine ant-microbe mutualism, at Gamboa.

Edmund Tanner, Mellon fellow from the University of Cambridge, U.K., Dec 5 - Dec 31, 2003, to study the importance of leaves produced in the shade to tree seedlings moved from shade to small gap light regimes, on BCI and Gigante.



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(Photo: Marcos A. Guerra)

Service-pins for 25 STRI employees

The STRI's Office of Human Resources organized a ceremony to present 10 and 30-year service pins to 25 employees, on Friday, November 23 at the Tupper Center auditorium. A get-together followed the ceremony at the Corotu Plaza. In the photo, from the left are Human Resources director Luz Latorraca and deputy director Cristián Samper (eleventh from the left) with honored employees (from the left):

Klaus Winter	10	Steve Paton	10	Abdiel Adames	10	Víctor Castillo	10
Elena Lombardo	32	Ricardo Gómez	10	Enrique Marciaga	10	Axel Calderón	10
Gloria Jované	10	Cristián Samper		Luis Carlos López	10		
Elizabeth Sánchez	10	Marcela Paz	10	Mirna Samaniego	10	Not in the photo:	
Carlos Guevara	10	Víctor Pérez	10	Daniel Millán	10	Richard Condit	10
Marialuz Calderón	31	Gilberto Batista	10	Vielka Rodríguez	10	Karl Kaufmann	10
Guillermo Caballero	10	Oswaldo Calderón	10	José Barahona	10	Egbert Leigh	32

Veinticinco empleados reciben distinción por 10 y 30 años de servicio

La Oficina de Recursos Humanos de STRI organizó una ceremonia para honrar a 25 empleados que cumplieron 10 y 30 años de servicio, en el Auditorio del Centro Tupper, el viernes 23 de noviembre. Después de la ceremonia de entrega de los prendedores, hubo un brindis en la Plaza Corotú. En la foto, Luz Latorraca (primera desde la izquierda) directora de la Oficina de Recursos Humanos y el subdirector Cristián Samper (décimo primero, desde la izquierda) posan para una foto de grupo con los empleados que recibieron la distinción (en la lista, de izquierda a derecha):

People

Congratulations to Laura Flores, Executive Director of STRI Business Initiatives, for her recent engagement to Scott Mahler, senior acquisitions editor at SI Press. The wedding will be in February.

Our best to Arturo Dominici, Culebra aquarist, who will pursue studies for his Ph.D. in Marine Biology in Germany at Bremen University. Arturo plans to conduct his research for the Ph.D. associated to STRI with Ross Robertson serving as his local advisor. Arturo will work at STRI until November 30th.

Condolences

To the family of Ana Karina Bellido of the CTFS, for her recent death.

New publications

Dick, Christopher. 2001. "Genetic rescue of remnant tropical trees by an alien pollinator." *Proceedings of the Royal Academy of London B* 268: 2391-2397.

Heckadon Moreno, Stanley. 2001. "Kathryn Kierkes Brewer." *"Epocas" Segunda Era* 16(11): 4-5.

Lucci Freitas, André Victor, Brown, Keith S., and Aiello, Annette. 2001. "Biology of *Adelpha mythra* feeding on Asteraceae, a novel plant family for the neotropical Limenitidinae (Nymphalidae), and new data on *Adelpha* ""Species-group VII." *Journal of the Lepidopterists' Society* 54(3): 97-100.

Wright, S. Joseph. 2002. "Plant diversity in tropical forests: a review of mechanisms of species coexistence." *Oecologia* 130(1): 1-14.

\$1 million for research and education projects at STRI

Celerity Foundation awarded \$1 million to STRI as part of its ongoing commitment of \$10 million in support of scientific research at SI. The grant provides funding for an automated telemetry system for tracking animal species on BCI, current activities of the Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS); the establishment of a graduate-degree program between STRI and McGill University; and discretionary funds to strengthen life-science research. This award follows a visit from the Levinson family to Panama earlier this year.

La Fundación Celerity entregó \$1 millón a STRI como parte de su compromiso de \$10 millones para apoyar la investigación científica en el Smithsonian. Esta donación está dirigida al proyecto de telemetría para seguir animales en Barro Colorado; actividades del Centro de Ciencias Forestales del Trópico (CTFS); el establecimiento de un programa de estudios de postgrado (maestrías y doctorados) entre STRI y la Universidad de McGill, y fondos a discreción para reforzar la investigación en ciencias vivas. Estos fondos son resultado de visitas de la familia Levinson en abril de este año.

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STRI—live!

On Wednesday November 28, bat researchers Dina Dechmann, Sabine Spehn and Christa Weise, sitting on the balcony at the Tupper Center (left) had a

chance to talk to a live audience at the Senckenberg Museum in Frankfurt, Germany using our recently installed Policomm teleconferencing system. At 10am in Panama (4pm in Germany), Elisabeth Kalko, STRI staff scientist in charge of BCI's bat research and biology professor at the University of Ulm, interviewed her students from the Museum auditorium. After each student described her project, the audience had a chance to ask questions. The conference was organized by Volker Lange from Morgen Welt Media. Assisting with this first teleconference at STRI were Peter Brumvig, Luis Moreno, Tania Quiel and Francisco Rivera from OIT, and Jaime Flores, Marcos Guerra, and Beth King. These teleconferences can be arranged with any person or institution having a similar equipment. For more information please contact Tania Quiel. (Photos: Peter Brumvig)



Sentadas en el balcón del Centro de Conferencias del Tupper el miércoles 28 de noviembre, las investigadoras Dina Dechmann, Sabine Spehn y Christa Weise (izquierda) del proyecto de murciélagos, tuvieron la oportunidad de hablar en vivo con una audiencia en el Museo Senckenberg en Frankfurt, Alemania, usando el recién instalado equipo de teleconferencias Policomm de STRI. A las 10am hora de Panamá (4pm en Alemania), Elisabeth Kalko, investigadora de STRI a cargo del proyecto en Barro Colorado, y profesora de biología en la Universidad de Ulm, entrevistó a sus estudiantes desde el auditorio del Museo. Luego que cada una de ellas describió su proyecto, la audiencia tuvo la oportunidad de hacerles preguntas. La conferencia estuvo organizada por Volker Lange de Morgen Welt Media. Esta primera teleconferencia en STRI contó con el apoyo de Beth King, Francisco Rivera, Tania Quiel, Luis Moreno, Peter Brumvig (foto a la derecha) Jaime Flores y Marcos Guerra (no aparecen en la foto).

December b' days

Francisco J. Morales	3
Venicio Terán	4
Lina González	4
Luis Castillo	6
Leonardo M. Chávez	6
Mirna Samaniego	8
Jorge Melgar	11
José Ramón Perurena	12
Tania Quiel	12
Grettehun Grajales	13
Maricela Salazar	14
Berena Bozzi	15
Alejandro Garrido	15
Piere Jacinto-Fuentes	17
Héctor Montenegro	17
Andrés Ramos	17
Dayra Navarro	17
Julio A. Polo	20
Damaris Martínez	20
Ira Rubinoff	21
José Nuñez	22
Adriana Bilgray	24
Raúl Ríos	25
Elizabeth Sánchez	26
Clementina Chung	26
Zuleika Maynard	26
Mario Santamaría	27
Sixto Martínez	28
Jaime Flores	28

Miscellaneous

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