

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

November 10 (Wednesday) is an official holiday in the Republic of Panama. It is the celebration of "El Grito de La Villa de Los Santos", the event that heralded the beginning of the independence movement of Panama from Spain. STRI will observe a liberal leave policy on that day. Employees not essential to our operation may apply for annual leave status on that day. Banks, government offices and all private businesses will be closed.

November 11 (Thursday), Veteran's Day (U.S.) is a holiday for STRI employees.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar at Ancon on Tuesday, November 9th will be given by RICHARD COOKE, STRI Research Associate, who will speak on:

The PROYECTO SANTA MARIA: a
Multidisciplinary Study of Prehistoric
Adaptations to a Tropical Watershed

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

November 8 - Arriving, RICHARD EMLET, University of Washington, on an Educational Outreach Short-term Fellowship, to work on: "Studies of larval populations and recruitment of echinoids in the Bay of Panama" for three months. He will be staying at Naos.

Also arriving that day are ROY BUELL and LOURDES FERNANDEZ, Office of Design and Construction, Smithsonian Institution, to visit STRI facilities regarding future construction and renovation needs.

November 9 - Leaving, ALAN SMITH for Kenya via the US, to continue his research on thermoregulation of high altitude plants on Mount Kenya. He will be in Kenya until the last week of December when he will be returning to the University of Miami to resume his teaching responsibilities for the Spring semester.

November 12 - Arriving, FRANCIS BENNETT, and DANTE PIACESI, Smithsonian Office of Computer Services, to coordinate STRI computer needs. Mr. Piacesi will be accompanied by his wife, MARY LOU.

LIBRARY NEWS

All STRI 1982 book orders were put through with year end funds, so the Library begins fiscal 1983 with no backlog. Unfortunately, purchases of reference materials also approved, were inadvertently lost on the manager's desk until after October 1, and did not go through. Other funds are being sought.

Zoological Record is now on-line beginning with 1978. When the STRI Library works out its telecommunications with DIALOG, subscription to printed copy---which is not current---can be replaced with online searching, presumably at great cost savings.

WANTED

Graduate research assistant to work on a project involving behavior of sea snakes, with possibility for expansion into other marine studies. It may be possible for incumbent to work part-time on independent thesis research. Interested parties should send curriculum vitae to Ira Rubinoff, STRI Tivoli Office.

DON'T MISS IT

"Beauties of the coral reef" opened last Monday at the ATLAPA Convention Center on Avenida Balboa. The exhibition was inaugurated by Panama's Vice-Minister of Health, GLADYS DE LAM, and STRI's Director, IRA RUBINOFF gave the welcoming address (en español). The photos are beautiful and captions are in both Spanish and English. Some of the organisms depicted are being studied by marine biologists at STRI (corals, sea urchins, hermit crabs, puffer fish, cowries, Christmas-tree worms). The exhibition opens daily from 9 am - 7 pm. until November 18th.

SMITHSONIAN FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS
FOR 1983-1984 AVAILABLE LOCALLY

The revised application materials for Smithsonian Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships and 10-week Visiting Graduate Student Fellowships were received at STRI this week. The deadline for submitting applications is January 15th, and persons interested in obtaining these materials can contact G. DE ALBA at Ancon.