

PANAMANIAN HOLIDAY MONDAY

Monday, November 29 is an official holiday in the Republic of Panama in celebration of November 28th, when Panama received its independence from Spain. STRI will observe a liberal leave policy on that day.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, November 30 at Ancon will be given by SUSAN FOSTER, Smithsonian Bacon Fellow from the University of Washington, who will speak on:

Sex across the isthmus: the comparative reproductive ecologies of Abudelfduf (Pisces: Pomacentridae) in the Islas de San Blas and Islas de las Perlas of Panama

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

November 27 - Leaving, GENE MONTGOMERY to Honolulu, Hawaii, to attend the meetings of the Pacific and Australasian Sea Bird Groups. He will also be consulting with colleagues in California and Washington, D.C. and is expected back at STRI on December 19th.

November 29 - Arriving, BOB PERKINS, Director, Office of Supply Services, Smithsonian Institution, for a one week visit to STRI facilities.

BIENVENIDOS

JUAN JESUS PALAU PEREZ
(International Coordinator)

ROBERTO ARTURO CABALLERO
(Agricultural Ecologist)

ANTONIO JESUS LOPEZ ALMIRAL
(Botanist)

HIRAN GONZALEZ (Ornithologist)

From the ACADEMIA CUBANA DE CIENCIAS, who will be visiting STRI facilities until December 9th.

NEW EXXON FELLOWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA

EXXON fellowships were recently awarded to the following students from the University of Panama for their thesis projects:

FRED CASTILLERO - "Estudio de la Dinámica de crecimiento corporal en hembras y machos de la especie Uca panamensis en dos habitats de Panamá".

JOSE HIM - "Estudio de la flora en un sector polígono de protección del Proyecto Hidroeléctrico Fortuna".

FIDEL Y CESAR JARAMILLO - "Notas sobre la ecología, comportamiento y distribución de las especies del género CENTRONELLA en Panamá".

EXXON FELLOWS (Cont.)

MILTON GARCIA - "Estudio del comportamiento y cambios en el desarrollo postembrionario de Centruroides sp."

MIGUEL PEREZ - "Estudio de la variación de proteínas hidrofílicas en la producción del mesénquima de los ciegos pilóricos durante la regeneración en Oreaster occidentalis".

PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED FOR STRI'S WHO'S WHO

For some time we have been trying to obtain photos for a STRI Who's Who, and are looking now for someone at the STRI facilities who would like to undertake this project. This would involve going to all the facilities and taking photographs of STRI staff members, fellows and visitors, and the cost involved would be covered by STRI. Anyone interested in undertaking this project would receive an honorarium. Interested persons should contact IRA RUBINOFF.

LIBRARY NEWS

Three student interns from the Library School of the University of Panama have begun working at the STRI Library on Wednesdays and Saturdays. They will be obtaining academic credit for their work.

NOTES OF INTEREST

As part of the celebration of LA SEMANA DE LAS CIENCIAS, this afternoon, ARGELIS RUIZ will be giving a talk and presenting a film on sea turtles and the work she has been doing for her thesis, to fifth and sixth grade students at the ESCUELA REPUBLICA DE CHINA.

VICTORIA BATISTA will be presenting a paper at the Meetings of the Pacific and Australasian Sea Bird Groups* on the work she did as an EXXON assistant at STRI in the Pelican Nesting Project during 1981. Victoria is on her way back to Panama from Korea where she has been attending a course for the last three months.

CATALINA RASBERRY, a student of graphic design at the University of Panama is interested in doing illustrations for researchers at STRI. She also has an Associate Degree in Biology from Panama Canal College, and may be contacted at 256-6721.

*To be held in Honolulu, Hawaii.