

SEMINAR NEWS

There will not be a seminar on Tuesday, December 28. EGBERT LEIGH's seminar originally planned for this date has been postponed due to diplomatic reasons to Tuesday, January 4th. The title of Dr. Leigh's seminar will be:

Population genetics and speciation

COMINGS & GOINGS

December 26 - Leaving, HARIS LESSIOS, for Los Angeles, California, to attend the meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists. He is expected back on December 31st.

December 27 - Arriving, LINDA ASHKENAS, Oregon State University, to work on the Menge's project: "Rocky intertidal community ecology". She will be at STRI until June 1983.

December 27 - Arriving, JAMES KARR, University of Illinois, with assistants H. DINKELOO, S. MILLINGTON, and E. SNYDER. They will be studying "Habitat selection in a tropical forest avifauna" and living in Gamboa.

December 29 - Arriving, VICTORIA SORK, University of Missouri, to continue studies on "Mammalian seed dispersal and seedling recruitment in Gustavia superba, a tropical moist forest species". She will be at BCI until January 15th.

December 31 - Arriving, JACK PUTZ, University of Florida, and MISSY HOLBROOK, Harvard University. Jack will be visiting BCI for a few days, and Missy will be continuing her short-term fellowship project: "Efficiency of biomass allocation for leaf support in large and small leaved pioneer trees". She will be on BCI until February 5th.

ROY CALDWELL, University of California at Berkeley, recently arrived to continue studies on aggressive behavior of stomatopod crustacea at Galeta. The Caldwell children, ERICA and MICHAEL also arrived and will be in Panama with their parents for 9 months.

INVADERS REPELLED

The first swarm of African honey bees seen on BCI arrived in the roof of the game wardens dormitory at 10:30 am, December 11. On 15 December, D. ROUBIK went to remove the colony and found a trail of army ants coming down the side of the dormitory, carrying honey bees, which later abandoned the indefensible nest site. Nice work Ecton!

SMITHSONIAN REGENTS' FELLOW

THOMAS EISNER, distinguished professor from Cornell University, has recently been named as a Smithsonian Regents' Fellow at STRI. Dr. Eisner will be coming to BCI in January 1984 to work on the chemical defenses of insects.

XMAS GIFT FOR FELLOWS

We have recently learned of the approval of funds from the Smithsonian Educational Outreach Program for the purchase of a new, fuel-efficient vehicle for fellows at STRI, to be purchased soon.

NOTE

Thanks to all who came and collaborated in some way to the STRI Xmas Party. We cannot complain---there was food, plenty to drink, and good entertainment (thanks to Anabelle and Angie Arroyo, the "Conjunto de BCI", and for those who stayed late, "the mejorana singer", also from BCI.



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