



STRI NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 29, 1983

UPCOMING HOLIDAY

In celebration of May Day (Día del Trabajo), Monday, May 2nd has been declared an official holiday. STRI offices will remain open on that day, but will observe a liberal leave policy.

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar at Ancon on Tuesday, May 3rd, will be given by STANLEY RAND, STRI, who will speak on:

Iguana Nesting

TRAVEL NEWS

APRIL 30 - Leaving, ERNEST WILLIAMS, for one month at Harvard. He is expected back at STRI in early June.

MAY 1st - Arriving, KATHY TROYER, for three months. She will be in Gamboa working on thermoregulatory behavior of green iguanas.

Also arriving is MARY ALICE COFFROTH, University of Miami, on a three-month STRI Educational Outreach Fellowship. She will be at the San Blas studying mucus production of reef corals.

NEW PUBLICATION RESULTING FROM RESEARCH AT STRI

"Unsynchronized chorusing in the coneheaded Katydid Neoconocephalus affinis (Beauvois)" by Michael D. Greenfield, former Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow, in Animal Behavior, 1983, 31 102-112.

WELCOME TO STRI

MARIA DE LOS ANGELES DE MORELLO will begin working on May 2nd as Secretary to the Executive Officer. A native of Colon, María de los Angeles, is the mother of two children and was previously employed at the Investment Council of Panama.

NEW ARRIVAL TO PANAMA

For the first time, Peruvian Boobies, Sula variegata, can be seen in Panama. More than 3,000 of these large, fish-eating marine birds are estimated to be on and near Bona Island, some 20 km offshore from the Seabird Research Center on Taboga Island in the Bay of Panama. Peruvian Boobies have also been seen in the Pearl Island Archipelago, near Pacheca Island. STRI scientists suspect that these birds have been driven some 1,000 km outside their normal range by food shortages associated with the widespread "El Niño" and other abnormal weather patterns in the southeastern Pacific.

EXXON GRANTS AWARDED TO U. OF PANAMA STUDENTS

The following students from the University of Panama were recently awarded STRI Exxon Fellowships or Assistantships:

NELIDA GOMEZ "Estudio sobre la ecología de un manglar en la Costa Del Pacífico de Panamá: balance de nutrientes". Punta Chame & Naos Bunker. May - October 1983.

CESAR VERGARA & FELIPE GALLARDO "Productividad y rendimiento de miel y polen en colonias de Apis mellifera. Tivoli and Mainland Panama. May - Oct. 1983.

MARTA ARAUZ, ILEANA HARPER, DORA HERNANDEZ & SIXTO LOPEZ, Sociedad de Investigaciones Biológicas, "Estudio ictiológico con Piabucina panamensis". Parque Nacional Campana & Naos Bunker. May -October 1983.

LUIS DE LA ROSA, Assistant to Leonard Freed on the project: "Evolution of Clutch Size in a Tropical Passerine". May 1 - July 1983.

FOR SALE

Colorful t-shirts with the IX International Arachnology Congress design. Available in SM-MED-EXLG. Can be purchased from N. Franco Smith at the Tivoli, \$6.00.

