SEMINAR NEWS

Noontime, Tuesday, June 21, 1983:
ELIOT BRENOWITZ, University of California at Los Angeles
"Environmental Influences on Song Communication in Red-Winged Blackbirds"

Noontime, Tuesday, June 28, 1983:
VICTORIA SORK, University of Missouri
"Population Biology of Gustavia superba and the impact of vertebrate seed predators"

Both of these seminars will be at Ancon.

ARRIVALS & STAFF TRAVEL

KENNETH CLIFTON, University of California at Santa Barbara, arrived this past week to begin his Predoctoral Fellowship at STRI. He will be at San Blas for one year. Investigating territorial groups of the striped parrotfish, Scarus iserti.

June 21 - Leaving, STANLEY RAND and ERNEST WILLIAMS to conduct studies on Anolis lizards in Cuba, as part of the collaborative agreement between the Smithsonian and the Cuban Academy of Sciences. They will be returning on July 5th.

Also leaving on the same day: DAVID ROUBIK, who will be going to San Pedro Sula, Honduras to attend a Colloquium on the Africanized Honeybee. He will be going also to Costa Rica to participate in an OTS Course, and is expected back July 18.

June 24 - Leaving CAROL JOPLING to Managua, Nicaragua, to attend a seminar on the acquisition of Latin American library materials. She will be returning July 5th.

LIBRARY NEWS

JOHANNES HYLTOFT, Conservator for the Smithsonian Libraries, will be arriving this weekend to save the books in the STRI Library that have been affected by mildew.

New Books:
- Population and Agriculture in Developing Countries (J. Cairncross, 1980).

NEW POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL CALLS

Due to the excessive abuse of the telephone charge accounts these have been changed as of June 6, 1983. International phone calls will be placed only through the STRI Secretary at each Facility. (LORENA GATES-Tivoli; ARGELIS KOMAN-Caleta; VIELKA VERGEL-Naos; BAREBARA CUSATTI-BCI; ARGELIS ROMAN-Galeta). The secretary is able to place calls to be received at any STRI facility even after office hours. Please give the secretary the necessary information with ample time. This service means an increase in their work load, and your cooperation is requested.

EVENTS

The short course given last week by ERNEST WILLIAMS, Smithsonian Regents Fellow at STRI, consisted of evening sessions on the genus Anolis with two hours of lecture and discussions. Dr. Williams will expand this into a full semester course that he will teach at Harvard this fall, and will also be the basis for a new book. Participants, numbering from 15-20, consisted of members of the STRI staff, including M.J. West Eberhard, fellows, visitors, students and a professor from the University of Panama.

SMITHSONIAN FELLOWS AT STRI FOR 1983-1984

The recipients of these highly competitive fellowships will be spending one year conducting research at STRI facilities, and will be initiating their tenures at different times of the year, from June 1983 - February 1984.

Predoctoral Fellows
ELDRIDGE ADAMS III, University of California at Berkeley.
KATHLEEN CLIFTON, University of California at Santa Barbara.
RACHEL LEVIN, Cornell University.

Postdoctoral Fellows
OLA FINCKE, University of Iowa.
DOLORES PIPERNO, Temple University.
DANIEL SUMAN, Scripps Institute of Oceanography.
PEPPER TRAIL, Cornell University.

VISITING TARANTULA

Last Tuesday afternoon a "jumbo tarantula" was spotted behind the xerox machine at the Tivoli Building. A cause of great commotion, it was captured, and thought at first to have escaped from the office of the Deputy Director. But no, this was a visiting tarantula. The clawed creeper must have found favorable conditions at the Tivoli, and perhaps has left descendents to become residents of that facility.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (SUNDAY, JUNE 19) TO FATHERS AT STRI.