

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:

- Ancient Mesoamerica (R.E. Blanton, et. al.  
1981).
- Estuaries and Enclosed Seas (B.H. Ketchum,  
ed. 1983).
- Mires, Swamp, Bog, Fen and Moor (A.J.P.  
Gore, ed. 1983).
- Forest Succession; Concepts and  
Application (D.C. West, ed. 1981).
- Flora of Hispaniola, Part I (A.H. Liogier,  
1981).
- Population and Agriculture in Developing  
Countries (J. Cairncross, 1980).
- Tropical Grazing Land Ecosystems (UNESCO/  
UNEP/FAO 1979).

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 RUIZ/DAISY REY-Ancon;  
VIELKA VERGEL-Naos; BARBARA 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.  
KENNETH 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 crawly creeper  
must have found favorable conditions at the  
Tivoli, and perhaps has left descendants to  
become residents of that facility.