

SEMINAR NEWS

Tuesday, July 12, the luncheon seminar at Ancon will be given by DONALD WINDSOR, STRI, who will speak on:

Are wasps limiting fruit production in figs?

At noontime on Thursday, July 14, there will be an informal seminar in the Naos Conference Room, given by MIGUEL PEREZ, Universidad de Panama, on the project he carried out with a STRI Fellowship. The subject of the talk is:

Estudio de variación de las proteínas de los ciegos pilóricos en *Oreaster occidentalis* durante la regeneración.

We may also be having informal seminars by CHRISTEN WEMMER, Acting Director of the National Zoo, and HEMANTA MISHRA, Head of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, of the Royal Kingdom of Nepal, who will be visiting us next week (see below). Please check your bulletin boards for last minute scheduling.

ARRIVALS

July 11 - Arriving, HEMANTA MISHRA, Department of Nat'l Parks and Wildlife Conservation of Nepal and CHRISTEN WEMMER, National Zoological Park for a 5-day visit of STRI facilities, to discuss possible future collaborative research efforts in Nepal.

July 12 - Arriving, ARTHUR DECAE, Rijksuniversiteit, Groningen, to carry out a comparative eco-ethological study on predatory and anti-predatory strategies in Neotropical Mygalomorphae (arachnida, Aranea). He will be in Gamboa.

July 15 - Arriving, HOLLY WAGNER, George Washington University, for one month to conduct studies on BCI on the distribution of terrestrial pteridophytes in relation to the light environment.

Arrived this past week, PETER GRIFFITH, Smithsonian Marine Systems Laboratory, for three weeks to do productivity measurements of the Galeta reef.

As part of the collaborative agreement between the Smithsonian Institution and the Cuban Academy of Sciences, Doctors ERNEST WILLIAMS, STANLEY RAND and DALE MARCELLINI, Curator of Reptiles of the National Museum of Natural History, returned from a 2-week visit to Cuba. They visited several different localities, and with the help of Dr. Coy, Lourdes Rodriguez, Julio Novo, and Noel Gonzalez of the Instituto de Zoología, they collected ecological information on 15 species of anolis representing all but one of the major ecomorphs known to occur on the island, the largest of the West Indian group. Williams also examined a number of preserved specimens in the collection at the Instituto de Zoología.

UPCOMING ARACHNOLOGY CONGRESS

As most of you already know, the IX International Congress will be held in Panama from August 1st - 9th. Some of the STRI personnel will be helping out at this congress and will, therefore, not be available in the office during that period. It would be most helpful if the staff and visitors could anticipate such things as travel, Paz y Salvos, immigration documents, payment of bills and permits before these dates so that as much as possible can be arranged in advance.

LIBRARY NEWS

There were 737 library users during the month of June.

The publications, including ephemera such as newspapers, collected by STRI Librarian, CAROL JOPLING, during her recent acquisitions trip to Nicaragua and Costa Rica can be seen in her office.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR DEPARTURES AT OMAR TORRIJOS AIRPORT

Effective July 2nd, a new system has been put into practice at the Omar Torrijos Airport to expedite passenger traffic. The steps for departing passengers are as follows:

- 1) Pay \$10 airport tax.
- 2) Go to the airline office for validation of ticket and other documents.
- 3) Pass through immigration and state security inspection.
- 4) Pass x-ray revision before boarding the plane. To facilitate prompt payment of the airport tax, four new cash registers have been installed on the first floor of the terminal near the escalator, and close to the airline companies.

REMINDERS

There will be a scientific staff meeting on Tuesday, July 12 at 9:30 am in the Ancon Conference Room.

Although all visitors' mail can be sent to our Tivoli office to be taken to the post offices, all letters must have stamps on them, except for mail coming in from residents of BCI, San Blas or Taboga. A mail charge will not be kept for visitors at other facilities. Unstamped mail will be returned to the sender. This policy also applies to all personal mail posted by the STRI staff nonresidents of BCI.

Please put your full name on the envelopes you mail. Several people may have the same first name, thus making things difficult for the mail clerk who has to keep record of charges. Letters that are not properly addressed will be returned. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.