

SEMINAR NEWS

On Tuesday, July 26, the luncheon seminar at Ancon will be given by JAMES KARR, University of Illinois, who will speak on:

Tropical Birds of Forest Undergrowth:  
Survivorship, Food Resources and  
Habitat Selection

There will also be an informal seminar on Thursday, July 28 at 12 noon in the Naos Conference Room, given by FRED CASTILLERO, Universidad de Panama, who will speak on:

Dinámica del crecimiento corporal  
en Uca panamensis en dos diferentes  
habitats

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

July 25 - Arriving, DONALD WILEY, Univ. of California at Santa Barbara, to work in R. Warner's project in the San Blas until the end of 1983.

July 27 - Arriving, RUDIGER BIELER, University of Hamburg, to work on a monograph of the Indopacific species of the family Architectonicidae (Gastropoda). He will be at Naos.

Also arriving on the 27th is RENATE RENNIE, Program Officer, Tinker Foundation, to visit STRI facilities for three days.

Staff Travel:

IRA RUBINOFF will be leaving this week-end on one week official business in Washington, D.C. Dr. Rubinoff will be attending to STRI matters at the SI, and will also be attending meetings of the Trinational Commission for the Study of Alternatives for a New Canal.

GENE MONTGOMERY will also be going on official business to Washington, D.C. He will be consulting with designers and lay-out artists at the Smithsonian Press regarding completion of the Xenarthra book, and will be returning to STRI around mid-August.

ACTING DIRECTOR

ADELA GOMEZ will be STRI's Acting Director during the week of July 25-29, when I. Rubinoff will be in Washington, and M. Robinson, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Arachnology Congress, will be involved with matters pertaining to the Congress (August 1 - 9).

FEEES FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES  
AT STRI

A number of scientific visitors do not directly use STRI facilities (laboratories, accomodations, etc.) but do use services provided by Procurement for mailing, (receive and dispatch) and obtaining of supplies and equipment, as well as other STRI services (assistance with immigration, use of telephones, etc.). In view of the expenditure of time that this involves on the part of the STRI staff, we have decided to institute a flat fee schedule for these services as follows:

- (a) Use of mail address and mailing facilities only, per month.....\$10.00  
(b) Use of the above plus other services\*, per month.....\$20.00

These services will continue to be provided as a courtesy to invited guests and fellows. This fee will be applied as of September 1, 1983.

\*If procurement services are judged to be heavily involved, this charge may be increased.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-The Scholarly Studies proposal by RONALD HEYER, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, and STRI's STANLEY RAND was recently approved to conduct a collaborative project that would result in a handbook on the "Frogs of Boraceia", the field station managed by the Sao Paulo Museum of Zoology.

-On August 8th of this year in Grand Forks, North Dakota, The Organization of Tropical Studies and the University of Chicago Press will be celebrating the publication of the book Costa Rican Natural History, as well as the twentieth anniversary of OTS.

-As part of a seminar on the applications of mathematics for biology students, STRI's EGBERT LEIGH will be giving a lecture at the Escuela de Biología, UNIVERSIDAD DE PANAMA on Friday, July 29th at 11 am. Dr. Leigh will be speaking on theoretical biology.

-A Wildlife Propagation Center was recently established by RENARE at the PARQUE NACIONAL SOBERANIA to stabilize the populations of Panama's endangered species. Two harpy eagles, male and female off course, (the harpy eagle is Panama's national bird), on loan from the zoo at the President Remon's Hippodrome were the first endangered species to have been moved to the center.