

IX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ARACHNOLOGY

The IX International Congress of Arachnology will be held at the Atlapa Convention Center from August 1-7, and STRI staff and students are welcome to attend the sessions. MICHAEL ROBINSON, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, would particularly like to invite you to attend the opening session on Tuesday, August 2nd at 9 a.m. in the "Salón Boquete". The speakers will be the Rector of the University of Panama, CEFERINO SANCHEZ, and STRI's Director, IRA RUBINOFF. Just following the inauguration will be STRI's WILLIAM EBERHARD giving a paper on "Why are genitalia usually useful species characters?". The program for the congress will be posted on all STRI Bulletin Boards, and the organizing committee requests that members of the STRI staff attending most of the sessions make a contribution to help cover the costs incurred, since participants are asked to pay a registration fee.

SEMINAR

There will not be a luncheon seminar this Tuesday.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

We say goodbye this week to two of our Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellows, SANDRA GILCHRIST and LENNY FREED, who have been at STRI for an extended stay and will be leaving on August 1st. Sandra will be going on to teach at New College of the University of South Florida, in Sarasota, Florida. Lenny will be leaving to teach at the University of Hawaii. To both "hasta pronto y mucha suerte".

August 1st - Arriving, RUSSELL GREENBERG and JUDY GRADWOHL, Smithsonian National Zoological Park, to continue studies on the population biology of forest understory insectivorous birds on BCI. They will be here until the beginning of September.

August 4 - Arriving, SARAH DEWEY, University Of Miami, to work with A. Smith on Barro Colorado for two weeks.

Leaving on August 4 is ADELA GOMEZ. Mrs. Gomez will be going to Washington, D.C. on a combination business and personal leave trip.

LIBRARY NEWS

Exhibit in the Library Reading Room:
Drawings by Marshall Hasbrouck

New Books of Interest:

- Age and Growth Rate of Tropical Trees, F.H. Bormann and G. Berlyn, 1981.
- Biological Bases for Reef Fishery Management (NOAA Tech. Mem. March 1982).
- Fishes of the Western North Atlantic. C.E. Dawson and R.P. Vari, 1982.
- The Peregrine Falcon. D. Radcliffe, 1983.
- Principles of Electrolocation and Jamming in Electric Fish. W. Heiligenberg, 1977.
- Synoptic Flora of Mysore District. R.R. Rao and B. A. Razi, 1981.
- Terrestrial Nitrogen Cycles. F.E. Clark and T. Rosswall, eds., 1981.
- Wastewater Treatment and Resources Recovery; Report of a workshop on high-rate algae ponds, Singapore, 27-29, Feb., 1980.

NOTICE TO RESEARCHERS ON PIPELINE RD.

Anyone with experimental areas on Pipeline Road --- particularly along the roadside --- should mark these with conspicuous flags, tags, etc. On August 7, the IX International Congress of Arachnology will hold the congress field trip to Pipeline Road. Some 130 odd and assorted arachnologists will be scattered along the road. We would like to avoid unnecessary damage or interference with studies in progress. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SYMPOSIUM ON SEA TURTLES

From July 17-23 the SIMPOSIO SOBRE TORTUGAS MARINAS DEL ATLANTICO (STAO) was held in San Jose, Costa Rica. The objective of this symposium was to gather information and discuss and analyze problems related to the status of sea turtles on the western Atlantic coasts of the 35 participating nations. STRI's ARGELIS RUIZ, who has worked extensively on sea turtles, particularly on the Caribbean side, participated in this symposium, and together with Panama's representative, DALVA AROSEMENA, from the DIRECCION DE RECURSOS MARINOS, prepared the paper on the status of sea turtles on the Atlantic side of Panama. Argelis also presented a poster on the Uses of the hawksbill turtle, *E. imbricata*, ("tortuga carey") in Panama, and participated in other sessions regarding the biology of other species of sea turtles.

Argelis reports that sea turtles in the western Atlantic are threatened and rapidly decreasing since they are captured for their economic value. These animals migrate over long distances, and scientific studies on their biology and behavior are thus very difficult and costly. If you are interested in helping to save sea turtles or would like further information on STAO, you should contact Argelis Ruiz at the Ancon Building (52-2485).