

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SCIENTIFIC STAFF

There will be a scientific staff meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:30 am in the Ancon Conference Room. An additional notice will not be sent, so please mark this on your calendars.

SEMINAR

We do not have a speaker for the noontime Tuesday seminar. Please check your bulletin boards for any last minute seminar announcement.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

GENE MONTGOMERY, CLAUDETTE MO, SANDRA CHARITY, and BEATRIZ R. DO VALLE are leaving on the R.V. Benjamin from September 9 - 14 to the Perlas, to conduct seabird studies. PETER GLYNN and ANIBAL VELARDE will be joining them there to monitor the condition of coral reefs in that area.

September 14 - Arriving, GRETCHEN MEYER, Yale University, to assist L. Fleishman on his project "Communication in Anolis lizards". She will be at BCI until the end of December.

September 16 - Arriving, IAN HODKINSON and R. BROWN, from Liverpool Polytechnic Institute, to conduct studies on the taxonomy and ecology of the jumping plant-lice (Homoptera: Psyllioidea) of Panama. They will be at BCI until September 30.

Also arriving on that day is FRANCINE BERKOWITZ, Office of Fellowships & Grants, to visit STRI facilities for one week.

Expected to arrive this coming week is DIANNA PADILLA, University of Alberta, who received a STRI Educational Outreach grant to study the calcification as an herbivore defense mechanism. She will be at Galeta until December 15.

INFORMATIVE SEMINAR SERIES

The first in a series of monthly seminars to inform the non-scientific staff or anyone interested regarding programs and projects being carried out at STRI will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 12 noon in the Tivoli Conference Room. JULIO JAEN will initiate the seminar series with a talk on:

HISTORIA DEL MOVIMIENTO CONSERVACIONISTA,
AECAP (ASOCIACION ESTUDIANTIL PARA LA
CONSERVACION AMBIENTAL DE PANAMA)

These seminar will be held on a monthly basis every second Thursday of the month during the lunch hour.

LIBRARY NEWS

In the exhibit case at the entrance of the library there is a new exhibit related to the new poster on the endangered species of Panama.

STRI EMPLOYEES PLAN A "FIESTA"

STRI employees from the different facilities have united and formed an organizing committee to plan a COSTUME PARTY for all at STRI who wish to attend. The proposed date is Friday, October 21; the site needs to be decided (probably the Tivoli patio). The organizing committee needs to know by SEPTEMBER 15 how many persons would be interested in attending, in order to determine what the individual donation will be to cover the costs of the music, food, and drinks. We want as many persons as possible to attend (employees, visitors, fellows, associates, volunteers) and have this be a memorable occasion. Interested persons should contact the secretary at each facility. Start planning your costume now; there will be a prize for the MOST ORIGINAL. (Adam & Eve costumes will be disqualified for lack of originality).

INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
CONSERVATION MOVEMENTS

JULIO JAEN has recently returned from Stockholm, Sweeden, where he attended the International Assembly for Youth Conservation Movements held from August 6-14. The aseembly was sponsored by the International Federation of Youth Conservation Movements, and was attended by 22 participants from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. The main topics discussed were the destruction of tropical forests, and the exporting of pesticides to Third World nations. Plans to coordinate environmental conservation efforts in the areas represented were made, and support was offered for a seminar of youth conservation movements in Latin America to be held in Panama in January 1984. Julio had the opportunity of visiting schools, universities, and cultural centers throughout Sweeden. At all these places he spoke about the problem of tropical deforestation and showed the film on BCI "Life in a Tropical Forest".

FIELD ASSISTANT AVAILABLE

GREG DE NEVERS is interested in coming to STRI to work as a field assistant during January and February 1984. He has a B.A. from the University of California at Santa Cruz and has field experince and training in botany. For further information, please contact G. de Alba at Ancon.