

SEMINAR NEWS

We do not have a seminar scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th. Please check your bulletin boards for last minute scheduling.

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, September 27 at Ancon will be given by DOLORES PIPERNO, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow from Temple University, who will speak on:

Phytolith Analysis and Tropical
Paleo-ecology

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURESWeek of September 17-23:

September 19 - Arriving, DIANE COAK-LEE, SI Women's Program Manager, from the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, for 3 days to visit STRI facilities and consult with our personnel.

September 20 - Arriving, WILLIAM KLEIN and DON WELLER, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, on official business. Dr. Klein will be here for 2 days and Mr. Weller until the end of the month.

Leaving September 19-25, GEORGINA DE ALBA, on official business to Washington, D.C. and New York.

Week of September 24 - September 30:

September 25 - Leaving, NEAL SMITH, to New York to participate in the Centennial Anniversary Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union. Dr. Smith will be taking a few days leave and will return to STRI October 7th.

September 26 - Arriving, SAL CILLELA, from the SI Office of Membership and Development, for a 4-day visit of STRI facilities and to consult with staff.

Also arriving, PHILIP RUNDEL, University of California at Irvine, PETER BECKER and his wife, MARINA WONG. Dr. Rundel will be at BCI until October 10 and P. Becker and M. Wong will be staying until 1985. They will be studying the limiting resources for growth and photosynthetic capacity in tropical forest seedlings.

September 29 - Leaving HERNANDO LEYTON on official business to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Leaving, CAROL JOPLING, for Mexico City to attend the Latin American Studies Association Conference. This year's conference will include a display of books on Latin America. Dr. Jopling will be returning October 2nd.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books:

- The Badgers of the World (C.A. Long and C.A. Lillingley, 1983).
- Coastal Flowers of the Tropical Pacific (W.A. Whistler, 1980).
- Ecology of Bats (T.H. Kunz, 1982).
- The Endangered Species Handbook (G. Nilsson, 1982).
- Ethology; Its Nature and Relations to other Sciences (R.A. Hinde, 1982).
- Genetic Bases of Fish Selection (V.S. Kirchnikov, 1981).
- Introduction to Quantitative Genetics (D.I. Falconer, 1981, 2nd ed.).
- Resources for the Twenty-first Century (J.C. Whitmore, Jr. and M.E. Williams, eds, 1982. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1193).
- The Taxonomy of Cyperus (Cyperaceae) in Costa Rica and Panama (G.C. Tucker, 1983).

RECENTLY PUBLISHED

The first copy of Costa Rican Natural History, an 816 page book published by the University of Chicago Press, edited by DAN JANZEN and including works by 174 authors recently reached Panama. Its publication was subsidized by a number of organizations including STRI. Seven members of the STRI staff contributed ten papers and STRI "alumni" are also well represented. According to our reviewer "this heavily illustrated 'Wards Catalog' of nature accounts is a steal for \$30. Most of the material is terrestrial and is pertinent not only to Costa Rica but to Central and northern South America as well. The phenomenal Janzen is perhaps the only person with sufficient energy and breadth of knowledge to have brought off this rather eclectic collection of nature knowledge. The first printing is 3,500 copies. Hurry, they are going to sell them all".

Lost

A black diving mask with correction lenses adhered to the inside. Cannot see one foot ahead without them. If found please call OLGA LINARES.

NOTE OF INTEREST

The September issue of ONMI Magazine, features STRI's DAVID ROUBIK's finding of carnivorous bees in Panama with a photo of one of these bees "eating" a frog. Adjacent to this finding is an article about how "slouching can fight failure" with photograph of "sloucher supreme", Woodie Allen.