

SEMINAR NEWS

On Tuesday, October 4th, the luncheon seminar will be given by GLORIA SULLIVAN CALDWELL, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow from the University of California at Berkeley who will speak on:

Heron color dimorphism: effects of predators, prey and social life

The following Tuesday, October 11, DANIEL SUMAN, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow from Scripps Institute of Oceanography, will be giving the noon seminar at Ancon on:

Agricultural Burning in Panama and Central America: Burning Parameters and the Coastal Sedimentary Record

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

October 1st - Arriving, JEFFREY GRAHAM, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, to collaborate with I. Rubinoff in the study on the diving biology of the sea snake, Pelamis platurus. He will be at STRI for approximately one month.

October 4 - Arriving, LYNN LOVELESS, University of Kansas, to continue work on J. Hamrick's project involving the genetic structure of tropical tree populations on Barro Colorado Island.

October 5 - Arriving, RICHARD EMMET, University of Washington, on a Smithsonian 10-week Visiting Student Fellowship, to study development, settlement and metamorphosis of Clypeaster rosaceus and examine the advantages of facultative planktotrophy.

MICHAEL ROBINSON, HINDRIK WOLDA, and DAGMAR WERNER, are leaving this week for Arequipa, Peru, to attend the IX Latin American Congress of Zoology. JORGE VENTOCILLA, who is leaving on vacation to Peru for the month of October, will also be attending this congress.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library has received an anonymous request for a suggestion box. In response, it reaffirms that suggestions of any kind---on the building, collection management, book purchases---are always welcome, and can be proposed directly to the librarian or sent by mail.

New Publications:

Books in English:

-Biology of Nectaries (B. Bentley and T. Elisa, eds., 1983).
-Energy Alternatives in Latin America (F. Szekeley, ed., 1983).

Books in Spanish:

-Bellezas Naturales de Mexico (M.T. Gallina and Luis Sangri N., 1979).
-Os Parques nacionais do Brasil (M.T.J. Padua and A.F.C. Filho, 1989).
-Mamíferos de Venezuela (J. Tello, 1979).
-Los Parques Nacionales de la Argentina (F. Erize et al., 1981).
-Los Parques Nacionales del Perú (M. Dourajeanni and C. F. Ponce, 1978).
Sciences.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

From October 1 - 21, I. RUBINOFF, J. GRAHAM and J. MOTTA will be intermittently sonar tracking sea snakes as part of their study on the snakes' diving biology. Anyone interested in assisting in this project should contact I. RUBINOFF at 52-4254.

NEW ARRIVAL

To DON and CAROL WINDSOR, a baby boy, NICHOLAS, born on Thursday, September 22 at 10:30 am, weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. FELICITACIONES.

"BOOKENDS" COULD SOLVE SOME OF YOUR PROBLEMS

Barbara and Michael Robinson have just received "Bookends", a reference management program for Apple and Apple compatible computers, which looks like it could solve many bibliography problems. References are entered in a data base which includes keywords, a 700 character abstract and can be rapidly searched by author, date, portions of title or keywords. In the editing mode, word-processor commands allow corrections to be made easily. The great advantage of this program is that it has the capability to rearrange the data so that it can be printed in the format required by the journal. Although Bookends files are stored on a disk as binary files, they can also be saved as standard DOS 3.3 Text Files, which means they can be loaded into many processors. "If this program lives up to its promise", says B. Robinson, "it would be extremely useful not only for the individual, but as a group, selected portions of each others' files could save us all a great deal of tedious typing".

SALSA HALLOWEEN PARTY

Our forthcoming Halloween Party will be held at the Parque Solidaridad (the picnic area by the Naos Bunker entrance) in Fort Amador on Friday, October 14 from 8 pm on. You can dance to the music of "Dynasty Sound" and there will be plenty to eat and drink also. So get your costumes ready. The cost is \$10/person, and it is due by Wednesday, October 12.