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SEMINAR NEWS

The speaker at the luncheon seminar on Tuesday, December 13 will be LEO FLEISHMAN, Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellow from Cornell University. The subject of his seminar is:

Communication and Fighting in Anolis
Lizards

On Tuesday, December 20th, SCOTT ARMBRUSTER, University of Alaska, will be our speaker. The title of his seminar is:

Evolution of Pollinator Rewards
in Dalechampia (Euphorbiaceae)

ARRIVALS

December 12 - Arriving, RICHARD LOWELL, University of Alberta on a STRI Short-term Fellowship, to study the effects of unpredictability on the structural strength of limpet shells. He will be at Naos for three months.

December 15 - Arriving, WILLIAM GLANZ, University of Maine, with assistants M. MARCUS and W. JOHNSON, to work on the ESP project "Population Ecology of Sciurus granatensis in relation to Dipteryx Fruit Availability". Glanz and Marcus will be at BCI for one month and Johnson for two months.

LIBRARY NEWS

The STRI library has received an increase in its allotment for the purchase of library materials and binding in 1984. Most of the increase is expended through the rise in serials costs, but there is sufficient for the current needs of the scientific staff. Their recommendations for titles of serials and books to improve the library's holdings are welcomed.

In 1984, a special effort will be made to use some of the funds to purchase missing journal issues and to bind all completed volumes.

New Books:

- Birds of the World, A Checklist (James F. Clements, 1981).
- Caribbean Cultural Identity: the case of Jamaica (R. Nettleford, 1983).
- Arqueología de la Cueva de Los Tayos (O.J. Porras, 1978).
- Xylem Structure and the Ascent of Sap (M.H. Zimmermann, 1983).

REMINDER

ALL at STRI are invited to the XMAS PARTY on Friday, December 16th at 4:30 pm at the Tivoli grounds.

Remember that there will be an empty table at the party for items to be donated to needy families.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-RICHARD COOKE will be the speaker at the upcoming seminar for the administrative staff on Thursday, December 15 at 12 noon in the Tivoli Conference Room. The subject of his talk will be the PROYECTO SANTA MARIA.

-And speaking about the PROYECTO SANTA MARIA, R. COOKE, STRI, and A. RANERE, Temple University, recently received funding from the National Sciences Foundation to continue this project for two more years.

-It's XMAS Time....a season to be jolly, but often those trying to call the Tivoli get very frustrated because no one seems to answer the telephones. Is everyone partying? NO. Although there is no busy signal, the lines are busy, and when there is a free line your call will be received on that line and answered. So have patience, and use the new direct lines (PROCUREMENT:52-5100 and TRAVEL: 52-5004) when calling these offices.

UPCOMING COURSES AT STRI

ROBERT G. READ, Visiting Scholar from San Jose State University, will be giving two courses during his stay at STRI from January 15 - March 15, 1984. The courses will be in TROPICAL METEOROLOGY and APPLIED OCEANOGRAPHY. Both will last two weeks and will include 6 hours of lecture/week and 3 hours of discussion/week. The tropical meteorology course will deal with: basic atmospheric parameters (3 hours); basic atmospheric physics (3 hours); tropical phenomena (6 hours). The applied oceanography course will cover: basic waves and current mechanics (3 hours); heat budget of the oceans (3 hours) and currents (6 hours). The courses will be given at the Naos Conference Room and members of the STRI staff, visiting researchers and students can participate.

In order to arrange the course timetable, we would like to have a preliminary idea of those who would like to take these course. Interested persons should get in contact with G. DE ALBA at Ancon.