

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Although the doomsday clock of the BULLETIN OF ATOMIC SCIENTISTS is much closer to midnight than it was a year ago, and world leaders do not seem to be on the verge of any breakthrough in the pursuit of peace, we can only survive by remaining optimistic. I hope that 1984 will be a good year, and that Orwellian predictions notwithstanding, we will all experience some progress in those aspects of human experience that are our common goals: peace, happiness, political freedom, and freedom from hunger. At STRI we will continue to pursue the increase of knowledge about biology in the tropics. Towards this end we can look forward to the completion of some new laboratories and dormitories, and to increased support for students. I thank everyone for their cooperation and hard work on STRI's behalf and wish you a Happy New Year.

Ira Rubinoff

SEMINAR NEWS

Our speaker for Tuesday, January 3rd, will be MARINA WONG, University of Michigan. The title of her seminar is:

Patterns of food availability and trophic organization of understory birds in a Malaysian rainforest.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

January 1 - Arriving, HOWARD LASKER, State University of New York at Buffalo, and MARY ALICE COFFROTH, University of Miami, to continue studies on the effects of vegetative reproduction on the distribution and abundance of colonial marine invertebrates. They will be at the San Blas and Naos until January 22nd.

January 2nd - Arriving, ROBIN ANDREWS and PAUL NICOLETTO, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to study population synchrony and dynamics of the lizard Anolis limifrons. They will be at BCI until March 26th.

January 3rd - Arriving, ANDRES ROMAN and EDGAR ROJAS, University of Costa Rica, on Exxon Assistantships, to work with M. Wong and O. Fincke at BCI. Roman will be here until March 31 and Rojas until February 28th.

January 4 - Arriving, ANDREA WORTHINGTON, Siena College, with her assistant ANDREA LOONEY, to study the influence of food distribution on the time commitment to breeding in lekking male manakins, Manacus vitellinus. They will be at BCI.

ARRIVALS (cont.)

Also arriving January 4th: JAMES SIMMONS, A. MOFFAT and W. MASTERS, University of Oregon, to collect data on the mainland related to the processing of echoes in bat sonar. They will be here until January 18th.

JACKIE BELWOOD, University of Florida, to continue her studies on katydid-eating bats on BCI.

LIBRARY NEWSNEW BOOKS:

- Advances in Cladistics (V.A. Funk and D.R. Brooks, eds., 1981).
- Birds of Africa, v. 1 (L.H. Brown et al, eds., 1982)
- The Cloud People (K.V. Flannery and J. Marcus, eds, 1983).
- Food Webs (S. L. Pimm, 1982).
- Game Theory; mathematical models of conflict (A.J. Jones, 1980).
- Hunter-Gatherer Economy in Prehistory (G. Bailey, ed., 1983).
- Nitrogen Cycling in S.E. Asian Wet Monsoonal Ecosystems (R. Wetseelaar, J.R. Simpson, R. Rosswall, eds., 1981).
- Los Recursos Forestales de la América Tropical (ONU, 1981).

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UPDATE

STRI facilities have undergone many changes during 1983, and we can expect more renovations in 1984. The infrastructure and superstructure of the Naos Pier have been completely rebuilt, a safety hand rail has been placed, and a new hydraulic crane will be installed when it arrives in late February. The new laboratories at Naos in Building 359 have been completed and we are awaiting the arrival of the furniture. A new roof for this building will be installed in the dry season. The new 3-bedroom Naos Dormitory will be ready for occupancy in early February. The BCI sidewalk to the Growing House is expected to be completed in January. The Pastor's House (down the street from the Tivoli) will be ready for occupancy in early February. And to begin in January 1984: the project to install a new roof for the Tivoli Building, and the installation of a new electrical system for BCI (the entire island)

BUENA SUERTE

To BERNADETTE FRENCH, who after working for 10 years for the STRI Library, will be leaving on December 30 to continue her education and attend to the family business.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL