

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar at Ancon on Tuesday, January 23 will be given by DON FEENER, University of Iowa, who will speak on:

Competition, Parasitism and Patchiness
in an Ant-Dipteran Community

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Expected to arrive this week are:

STEPHEN HUBBELL, University of Iowa/STRI, to continue his research in Panama.

ALAN HERRE, University of Iowa, to continue studies on the reproductive biology of figs and fig wasps. He will be on BCI until May 25.

January 22 - Arriving JOYCE CHISLEY, from the Smithsonian Office of Programming and Budget.

January 23 - Arriving, JILL HELTERLINE, St. Lawrence University, to work with H. Lessios in the San Blas Islands.

January 24 - Arriving, VANIA DA SILVA, University of Sao Paulo, on a three-month Exxon Fellowship to study the mating system and male mating success in the pug-nosed tree frog, Smilisca sila. She will at BCI.

Leaving this week:

JOHN CUBIT to attend the American Geophysical Union-Ocean Sciences Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. He will be returning on February 6th.

ARGELIS RUIZ for Puerto Rico, to attend the meetings of the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network. She will be away for one week.

And during the past week:

JUAN MANUEL MORA from the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica arrived for consultations with D. Werner and staff of the iguana management project.

BARBARA ALLEN, University of Tennessee, arrived to work until the end of March with A. S. Rand and collaborators on the iguana nesting project at BCI.

ROBERTO IBAÑEZ, a graduate of the University of Panama, has also joined the iguana nesting project team. He has received an Exxon assistantship to participate in this project until the end of March.

LIBRARY NEWS

New books received January 20, 1984
-The Pheasants of the World (J. Delacour).
-Embryos, Genes and Evolution (R.A. Raff and T.C. Kaufman, 1983).
-IUCN Invertebrate Red Data Book (1983).

ADELA GOMEZ HONORED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Tuesday, January 3rd, STRI's ADELA GOMEZ was fittingly honored for her many years of service to the Smithsonian Institution at a luncheon held at the Commons. Among those present were: Panama's Acting Ambassador, Lawrence Chewing Fabrega; the Smithsonian's Assistant Secretary for Science, David Challinor; STRI's Michael Robinson, and representatives from the Secretary's office, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Science, the Office of Fellowships and Grants, and the Office of Personnel Management. In his speech, Dr. Challinor, compared Mrs. Gomez with the negotiators of the Panama Canal Treaties, describing her as a person with great skill in both national and international relations.

AN APPEAL FOR REPRINTS & SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS FOR BURMESE SCIENTISTS

Because of foreign exchange limits and difficulties with international mail, biologists in Burma are cut off from the international scientific community. If you have any recent journals or reprints on tropical studies, M. ROBINSON would appreciate receiving them. He will arrange to have these sent via the diplomatic bag from Washington, D.C. to Rangoon. Please help; your reprints and journals will fall into good hands and will be much appreciated.

AECAP ORGANIZES ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR

To create environmental awareness among children in the the Panama Canal watershed area, JULIO JAEN and JANE SHUTTLEWORTH have organized a "Seminario Móvil". During the month of February ten members of the Asociación Estudiantil para la Conservación Ambiental de Panamá (AECAP) will tour the Chorrera area, and will use puppets, songs, and skits to transmit conservation messages.

BEWARE OF DEFECTIVE LABWARE: Some of the linear polyethylene bottles and containers manufactured between 1977 and 1980 by the Nalge Company exhibited brittleness and may break while in use. Depending on the substances stored in the containers there is the possibility of an unintended exposure to potentially hazardous substances if the containers holding them break.

AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WILL TAKE IT AWAY: One handsome Araucaria excelsia "Norfolk Island Pine" 2 1/2 meters high in 30 gal. can. Two persons needed to lift it and a pick-up truck to transport it. If interested, call N. SMITH at Ancon.