

SEMINAR NEWS

Tuesday, April 3rd: for the luncheon seminar at Ancon, our speaker will be STEPHEN EMLEN, Cornell University. The subject of his talk is:

Cooperation and Competition in Complex Avian Society: The White-Fronted Bee-Eater

Although Dr. Emlen will be visiting BCI this week-end, he will be giving this seminar at Ancon, and not on BCI as was previously announced.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

DAVE MCGUIRE from the University of Alaska arrived this past week. He has received a STRI Short-term Fellowship to study: "Shared pollinator foraging behavior in sympatric species of *Delachampia*". He will be living in Gamboa for 3 months.

A crew from the BBC: BRIAN LEITH, RED DENNER, JIM SAUDERS and ROGER LONG, arrived this past week and will be here until April 9. They will be visiting different areas of Panama to film for several documentaries, including one on the africanized bees and another on the economics of rainforests and their conversion to pastureland (the "hamburger connection").

March 31 - Leaving, RAMON ELY for one week official business at the SI in Washington, D.C. He will also take a one week vacation and will return April 15th.

TERRY CHRISTENSEN and STEPHEN P. DARWIN, Tulane University, will be arriving March 30th for a brief visit. Dr. Christensen will be continuing his spider studies and Dr. Darwin will be conducting observations on the flora of Panama.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is happy to welcome VIELKA CHANG-YAO to the permanent position of Reference Librarian. Vielka has a BA in Biology from Keuka College and an MA in Communications from the University of Chicago. She comes to us from IDIAP where she worked as director of the documents collection, DIAGRO.

At the same time we are sorry to be losing PAT BENNETT, who has made a very large contribution to the library during her short temporary assignment. She has organized the catalog records of the book collection so there now exists a record for each book. When the Library's computer arrives, these records can be entered, and will then be accessible to Library patrons.

Library (cont.)

New Publications received in the Library 30 March 1984:

- The Arctic Skua (P. O'Donald, 1983).
- Botany and Chemistry Hallucinogens. 2nd ed. (R.E. Schultes and A. Hofmann, 1980).
- Ecology of Pomarine, Parasitic and Longtailed Jaegers in Northern Alaska (W.J. Maher, 1974).
- Evolution of Genes and Proteins (1983).
- Human Primate (R. E. Passaingham, 1982).
- Mammal-Like Reptiles and the Origin of Mammals (T.S. Kemp, 1982).
- Natural Resources of Trinidad Tobago, 1981.
- Olfactory Imprinting and Homing in Salmon (A.D. Hasler, 1983).
- Primate Social Relationships: An Integrated Approach (R.A. Hinde, ed., 1983).
- Social Control in Slave Plantation Societies (G. M. Hall, 1971).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Beginning April 2, everyone needing to consult books in the Panama Canal Commission Library will be required to present a form signed by the librarian of their institution. Forms for STRI personnel are available on request in the STRI Library.

GRANT AWARDED

HENK WOLDA, STRI, and DAVID DENLINGER, Ohio State University, have received a Smithsonian Scholarly Studies Grant for to support their study on: "Mechanisms of Dormancy in Tropical Insects".

THIS PAST WEEK

The lead story on NBC's program FIRST CAMERA, aired locally on March 28, was on the Africanized Bees. Eight minutes of the show featured STRI's DAVE ROUBIK and his work in Panama.

MISSING

Presumed on loan:
Gressitt J.L., "Biogeography and Ecology of Papua New Guinea", Volume II, belonging to M.H. ROBINSON. Please call 52-4254 if you have it.

PENGUINS FALL FOR FLY PAST

"FUN in the Falklands. Entertainment being at a premium for the British forces there, resident RAF pilots amuse themselves by flying parallel to beaches containing large penguin colonies. The penguins, apparently hypnotised, follow the planes to and fro with their eyes like centre court crowds at Wimbledon. Then the fearless flyers approach head-on, the penguins crane their necks until.....sudden collapse backwards of stout parties."

(Source: newspaper clipping sent by STRI travelling scientist.)