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ANNUCNCENT

STRI Director Ira Rubinoff announced this week that HENK WOLDA has agreed to serve as Acting Deputy Director of STRI from May 7 until the search for the new appointee is completed. Dr. Wolda came to STRI in 1971 from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, and has been very active in research on insect population ecology. Dr. Rubinoff welcomes his assistance, and looks forward to the cooperation from other staff members during the period of transition.

TROPICAL ECOLOGY FIELD COURSE TERMINATES

Participants in the tropical ecology field course, jointly given by the University of Panama and STRI, returned to Panama City on April 10, after spending a month at four different field sites. All thirteen students survived, as did the coordinators (Y. LUBIN, R. SEGISTAN, and H. TEJERA), although with scars resulting from the descent of Volcan Barú. And from all who participated: "it was a great success". The students are busily working on their final reports, and still recuperating from the sun, heat, insect bites and hard work.

LAST CURTAIN CALL

In spite of sudden illnesses, technical difficulties and the like, the Festival Movil de Educación Ambiental gave its final presentation last Sunday in the Museum of Man. The presentation combined selected skits, puppet shows and songs, and also included a narrative interlude by Jane Shuttleworth, one of the program creators, who explained what the festival was all about. Ten members of the Asociacion Estudiantil para la Conservacion de Panamá, AECP, including Shuttleworth and J. Jaen, the originators of the festival, visited small communities in the interior of Panama during the months of February and March. They stayed two days in each community, presenting two different evening programs and an afternoon matinee for children. Upon arriving at each community they were first received with curious and amused stares, especially from children, as they set up their scenery and dressing rooms. By the end of each visit, they left behind their message and many new friends.

As in their rural audiences, the group stirred many a laugh and applause on Sunday night, and now will begin planning for next year's festival.

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