

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar at Ancon on Tuesday, April 24 will be given by: PEPPER TRAIL, SI Postdoctoral Fellow from Cornell University. The subject will be:

The Operation of Sexual Selection in the Lek Mating System of the Cock-of-the-Rock

COMINGS & GOINGS

After being away for several months, ROSS ROBERTSON is expected back during the last week in April.

MYRA SHULMAN arrived this past week to collaborate with R. Robertson on a study about interactions of herbivorous fish and urchins on Caribbean coral reefs. She will be in the San Blas until August.

FRANK MORRIS will be leaving this weekend on official business to the SI, Washington, D.C. He is expected back May 4.

LIBRARY NEWS

New books received in Library, April 19, 1984:

- Affinity as a Value (L. Dumont, 1983).
- Amazonia Ecuatoriana (N. Whitten et al. eds., 1981).
- Birds of the West Indies (C.B. Cory, 1889)
- Catalogue of New World Amphibians (K.A. Harding, 1983).
- Ecology, Meaning and Religion (R. Rappaport, 1979).
- Nutritional Strategies and Agricultural Change in a Mexican Community (K.M. DeWalt, 1983).
- Perspectives in Ornithology (A.H. Brush and G.A. Clark, Jr., eds., 1983).
- Photomicrographs of World Woods (A. Miles, 1978).
- Principales of Archaeological Stratigraphy (E.C. Harris, 1979).

BOOKS FOR SALE AT STRI LIBRARY:

1. Colonización y Destrucción de Bosques en Panamá, S. Heckadon and A. McKay, eds. (\$4.50).
2. Cuando se Acaban los Montes, S. Heckadon. (\$4.50).
3. Evolución en los Trópicos, G. de Alba and R. Rubinoff, eds. (\$5.00).
4. Las Aves de Caza de Panamá, E. Méndez (\$8.00).
5. The Ecology of a Tropical Forest, E.G. Leigh, Jr, A.S. Rand, and D.M. Windsor, eds. (\$25.00).
6. A Guide to the Birds of Panama, Robert S. Ridgely (\$37.50).

AN INVITATION

You are invited to the "Farewell Luncheon" for MICHAEL AND BARBARA ROBINSON on Friday, April 27, 1984 at Barro Colorado Island. The 9:50 am train departing from Panama City and the 9:40 from Colon will be met at Frijoles. Guests will be able to return to Panama or to Colon on the 3:25 or 5:25 pm trains. If you plant to attend, please R.S.V.P. by April 24, to Barbara Cusatti at 52-2124/52-2142.

All at STRI (staff, fellows, and visitors), as well as other friends of the Robinsons, are invited to attend this occasion to celebrate the appointment of M. Robinson as the new director of the National Zoo, and wish Mike and Barbara "the very best".

A NOTE OF INTEREST

The book, COSTA RICAN NATURAL HISTORY now entering its second printing, was named the recipient of the 1983 R. R. Hawkins Award. This award is conferred annually by the Professional and Scholarly Publishers division of the Association of American Publishers for the outstanding technical, scientific, medical, business, or other scholarly work published by any member of the PSP division. Given that the division includes all university presses, in addition to all commercial presses that publish in the areas mentioned, this is a real honor.

COSTA RICAN NATURAL HISTORY, edited by DAN JANZEN, includes the works of 174 contributors, including various members of the STRI staff.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

Students from U.S. universities are starting to look for summer jobs, and we receive letters from students in the U.S. who would like to assist researchers at STRI. A few are willing to pay their airfare to Panama, but would require the researcher to pay living costs. We also get calls from local students who return home for vacation; most are interested in receiving some payment for their assistance, but sometimes, if this is not possible, are willing to work on a volunteer basis. If you would be interested in receiving details regarding potential student assistants, please call G. de Alba, 52-2485.

HAPPY EASTER