

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, July 24, will be given by PEDRO LEON, a visiting professor from the University of Costa Rica. His subject will be:

The Evolution of a Maize-Leafhopper-Virus

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

July 22 - Leaving, BOB AND KERRY DRESSLER for Costa Rica. Dr. Dressler will be teaching a course at the University of Costa Rica, and they are expected back at STRI in December.

July 23 - Arriving, NANCY GARWOOD, Loyola University, who as previously announced, will be working on a seedling manual of BCI. She will be here for approximately one month.

July 23 - Arriving, HANNELORE ACETO, Chief, Smithsonian Photo Division, for an official 4-day visit.

July 24 - Leaving, GENE MONTGOMERY on official business at the SI Press and a vacation. He is expected back on August 23.

July 27 - Arriving JAMES HOWE, MIT, to continue his studies on the Kunas. He will be here for about one month, and will be joined by his family on August 3rd.

LIBRARY NEWS

To facilitate library searches, FIONA SMYTHE is dividing the card catalogue into two sections: one contains references to articles, and the other for books. Both contain only references to publications processed before 1976. The COMFICHE must be consulted for recent materials.

FACILITIES UPDATE

-The construction work for the renovation of the Director's Office has been completed.

-The new phone system at the Naos Marine Laboratory will be installed this week-end, and we will be able to announce the new numbers next week.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-The July 13 issue of SCIENCE includes an article on the Smithsonian's National Zoo: "Zoos Forging New Role in Science". The article features interviews with MICHAEL H. ROBINSON, THEODORE REED (the zoo's former director), and CHRIS WEMMER (the director of the zoo's research center at Front Royal). In spite of changing Robinson's middle initial and his former position, the article does point out that his appointment as director of the NZP indicates its growing scientific orientation and international importance. It also shows that Robinson has not forgotten what he left behind. It quotes him comparing a tropical forest to a Breughel painting "impossible to take in all at once," and also mentions and describes STRI's "alternatives to destruction" projects.

-As part of the lecture series being sponsored this month by RE.NA.RE., DAGMAR WERNER will be one of the speakers on Tuesday, July 24 at 7pm in the auditorium of the Museo del Hombre Panameño. Her talk will be on: "El Proyecto de Manejo de la Iguana Verde en Cautiverio".

-AURELIO VIRGO, who was working as an Exxon assistant on BCI, was recently awarded a fellowship by the French Embassy to spend three years in France studying plant tissue culture *in vitro*. Upon returning to Panama, Virgo will join the IDIAP to set up a specialized laboratory.

- FLAVIO MENDEZ, JUAN CARLOS NAVARRO, and EDUARDO NAVARRO have organized an expedition to the Darien, from the supposed location of Acla to the other side of the isthmus. They will be leaving on July 28, and were interested in having a STRI biologist in the group. If interested, please call G. de Alba for more information.

-JACK DONALDSON, an undergraduate biology student at New College in Sarasota, Florida, would like to work as a research assistant to one of the marine biologists at STRI. He is willing to cover part of his travel costs. His address is: New College, Box #56, 5700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida 33580.

-Former Exxon fellows, CAROLINA MURCIA and GUSTAVO KATTAN will be married in Cali, Colombia on Friday, July 27. In September they will both be going to the University of Florida at Gainesville to pursue graduate studies. Also recently married were FERNANDO RIVERA (Naos) and PRISCILLA MARTINEZ (formerly with the Pelican Project). Felicitaciones.