

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, August 7, will be given ALLEN HERRE, University of Iowa. He will speak on:

Wasps and Figs: in Theory and Practice

LIBRARY NEWS

Acquisition Procedures for the STRI Library:

The following summary is offered in response to many queries:

Purchases of all materials for the Smithsonian Institution are processed through the Acquisition Department of the Smithsonian Institution's Libraries (SIL) according to a directive of the Secretary's office.

STRI Library book purchases are initiated by the librarian who receives requests, reviews catalogs, brochures, bibliographies and book reviews, and types purchase orders. Requests are sent to Washington routinely, as received, along with other selections. There is no back file.

Orders are processed in the SIL Acquisitions Department upon receipt; those with accompanying brochures are sent immediately to dealers/jobbers; others require further verification.

Purchased books are received in Acquisitions. They are sent for cataloging, and eventually shipped to STRI. Depending on the difficulty of acquiring and cataloging a book, the entire process takes 4 months to more than a year. The STRI Library order file currently contains approximately 350 orders, the majority for FY 1984; the earliest date 23 April 1982.

A large proportion of STRI Library publications are received through gift and exchange from the SIL and also gifts directly to STRI.

Acquisition sources for Latin American publications include: local purchase, the U.S. State Department, Foreign Procurement Program, and STRI Library exchange with Latin American institutions.

New Books:

- The Anchenorrhyncha (Homoptera of Fennoscandia and Denmark. (F. Ossiannilsson 1978-83).
- The Genus *Agrias* (P.E. Barselou, 1983).
- Evolutionary Ecology of Neotropical Freshwater Fishes (T.M. Zaret, ed. 1982).
- Life History Studies of Woodpeckers of Eastern North America (L. Kilman, 1984).
- Management and Utilization of mangroves in Asia and the Pacific, 1982.

DEPARTURES

August 4 - Leaving, ALAN SMITH, to attend the meetings of the American Institute of Biological Sciences in Ft. Collins, Colorado, from August 5-9. He will also be on official business and a few days annual leave, and will return September 2.

August 6 - Leaving, YAEL LUBIN, for one month to the U.S., and then on to Israel where she has accepted a position at the Institute for Desert Research, Ben Gurion University.

August 7 - Leaving, IRA RUBINOFF, for Washington, D.C. On August 11, Dr. Rubinoff will meet the new Smithsonian Secretary Robert McCormack Adams, and brief him about STRI activities. He will continue on to California to collaborate on sea snake experiments with Drs. J. Graham and J. Motta at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and is expected back at STRI on August 19. During Dr. Rubinoff's absence, Dr. Frank Morris will be Acting Director from August 6 - 15, and Ms. Elena Lombardo will serve in this capacity from August 16 - 20.

August 7 - Leaving, DONALD WINDSOR, on annual leave, to the U.S. He is expected to be away one month. During his absence, the Seminar Coordinator will be Neal Smith. He also will be in charge of the STRI Cerro Punta cabin.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-As previously announced, the INSTITUTO LATINAMERICANO DE ESTUDIOS SUPERIORES (a debate and discussion institute recently formed in Panama) has organized the symposium: LA ECOLOGIA Y LA SUPERVIVENCIA EN AMERICA LATINA to be held on Saturday, August 11 at the Holiday Inn Tocumen. OLGA F. LINARES, STRI, will be the symposium's Discussant. The program is posted on STRI Bulletin Boards.

-DANIEL SUMAN, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow, from Scripps Institute of Oceanography, has been awarded a National Research Council fellowship for 1985, to work with the Board of Science and Technology for International Development (BOSTID). BOSTID is responsible for providing guidance for scientific and technical programs in developing countries.

-On August 1st, the telephone numbers in STRI housing at Coco Solo were changed. The new numbers are: 45-4918 (J. Cubit), 45-4789 (J. Burgett, E. Adams) and 45-3768 (A. Roman).

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

To Bob Richmond, for the recent loss of his father.