

SEMINAR NEWS

No seminar for the coming week. The seminar on Tuesday, September 18, will be given by CESAR VILLAREAL, professor of biology at the University of Panama, who will speak on a subject related to his Ph.D. dissertation:

The Influence of Photoperiod on Nucleic Acid Content during Growth of Juvenile Atlantic Salmon (Salmo salar L.)

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

September 9 - Arriving, JORGE MORA-URPI, Dean of the School of Sciences at the University of Costa Rica, to visit STRI, IDIAP and RENARE. Dr. Mora-Urpi will be presenting a seminar at the Centro Audiovisual, Univ. of Panama, on Tuesday, September 11 at 10 am on: "Programa de Investigación de Pixbae." He will be in Panama for one week.

September 10 - Arriving, DIANNA PADILLA, Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellow from the University of Alberta, to conduct studies on the structural defenses of marine algae at the Galeta Marine Laboratory. She will be at STRI until January 15, 1985.

September 11 - Arriving, JUDY GRADWOHL and RUSSELL GREENBERG, National Zoological Park, to continue studies on population ecology of forest understory birds in Panama. They will be at BCI until the end of the month.

September 12 - Arriving, DOUGLAS SCHEMSKE, University of Chicago, for a 5-day visit to BCI.

September 12 - Leaving, IRA RUBINOFF on official business to the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Rubinoff will be attending the installation ceremonies of the new Smithsonian Secretary, Robert McC. Adams. He will return on September 19.

PROCUREMENT NEWS

The closing date for procurement actions thru purchase orders charged to federal funds in FY 84 will be Friday, September 14. Except for emergency requests, no new purchase orders will be processed after that date. Some purchases charged to Blanket Purchase Agreements or to petty cash will continue until September 30th, but should be kept to a minimum.

CAROL JOPLING RETIRES

On September 15 CAROL JOPLING will retire from her post as chief of the STRI Library. I am sure Carol is looking forward to having more time for travel and writing. But her retirement is, nevertheless, a sad time for STRI. She has brought an extremely high level of professional competence to STRI's Library. She supervised the library's move to a new building and dealt effectively with the little (and sometimes not so little) problems that accompany such a relocation. With saintly patience and staunch determination she endured the often conflicting technical advice to successfully bring the DIALOG bibliographic search online. She has developed excellent working relationships with other professional librarians throughout the Isthmus, and has presided over the enormous proliferation of the numbers of users of all ages seeking services at our library.

We sincerely hope that she will return to visit often, and that we can surprise her before long by finally solving our lighting problem. Personally, I am going to miss her urbane sense of humor, and our common enthusiasm for memos from Washington.

Ira Rubinoff

AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the Panama Audubon Society will be held Thursday, 13 September, at 7:30 pm, in room 204, Panama Canal College. All are welcome to attend. This month's speaker is ANNETTE AIELLO, who will present a re-run of her last STRI seminar, "Adelpha Butterflies: Deception on the Wing."

VOLUNTEER AVAILABLE

Jackie Idol, with a B.S. in Agriculture and Animal Sciences, is interested in working as a volunteer research technician at STRI. She has previous work experience. If interested, please call her at 84-4923 or 87-5301.

NAOS NEWS

-Each Friday during the month of September, AUDREY SMITH will be replacing A. RUIZ at the Naos Marine Lab.

-NELIDA GOMEZ, a recent chemistry graduate from the University of Panama, will be assisting B. Richmond for three months.

-LUIS A. CRUZ ("Lucho") recently received his Smithsonian ten year service pin.