

STRI NEWSCollecting Permits from RENARE for 1979

Anyone affiliated to STRI wishing to obtain the 1979 permit for collecting specimens of plants, birds, small mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fresh water fish, and insects in the Republic of Panama must fill out a request form giving certain information requested by the Department of Natural Renewable Resources (RENARE). Everyone (including assistants) who collects any of the above mentioned specimens in Panamanian territory must have a valid permit. Request forms can be obtained from the Office of Conservation and Environmental Education (from Dr. N. Smythe or Mrs. G. de Alba) at the Tivoli.

Seminars

There will be 3 seminars this week. Betsy Mallory from Dartmouth College will give a Seminar/Field Trip on "Whimbrels and Associates: Winter Foraging" which will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13th at the Ancon Conference Room. She recommends that you bring binoculars and expect to get muddy. The noon seminar on Tuesday, March 13th (same day) will be given by Dr. Frances S. Chew from Tufts University and the subject will be: "Chemicals & Herbivory in a Mustard Community (Cruciferae)". There will be an evening seminar on Thursday, March 15th given by Dr. Bob Slaughter of Southern Methodist University. This seminar on "Ice Age Climate and Extinction" will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

Arrivals & DeparturesWeek of March 10 - 16

- March 10 - Arriving Dr. Robert Trivers, Univ. of California at Santa Cruz. Dr. Trivers will be at STRI for about 10 days.
- 12 - Arriving Mr. C. Wohlers, Mr. L. Boring and Ms. E. Hutchinson from the OTS course in Costa Rica for a few days visit to BCI.
- 13 - The Massachusetts Audubon Society will tour BCI.
- 14 - Arriving Dr. Thomas Poulson, Univ. of Chicago, for a 4-month visit to BCI. Dr. Poulson will be doing studies of the organization of rainforest dung communities.
- 14 - Arriving Dr. Robin Foster, Univ. of Chicago, to continue his project of regeneration in a large treefall. He will be at BCI for 4 months.

Arrivals & Departures (cont.)

- March 15 - Arriving Mr. John Graves from Scripps Institute of Oceanography to do a chemical study of the significance of protein variability in trans-Panamic fishes. He will be at the Galeta and Naos labs for one month.
- 15 - Arriving Mr. Marshall Hasbrouk, Nat. Fish & Wildlife Service, to work on Dr. C. Handley's ESP Bat Monitoring project.
- 15 - Arriving Mr. Todd Davis, Mrs. Charlotte Gyllenhaal Davis, and their 9-month baby, Claire, for a one-month visit to BCI. Charlotte is continuing her studies of forest regeneration.
- 16 - The Halbrook Travel nature tour will visit BCI.
- 16 - Arriving Dr. Jim Karr, University of Illinois, to continue studies of the birds of the Pipeline area. Coming with Dr. Karr are Mr. T. Mart and Ms. P. Angermeier. The group plans to be here about 2-3 weeks.
- 16 - Arriving Ms. Nickie Irvine, Univ. of Chicago, to work with Dr. Robin Foster.

Leaving this week:

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Dressler, who will be going on an extended trip around the world. Some of the places they will visit include: Zurich, to attend the V European Orchid Conference; Kuala Lumpur, to attend the V Int. Symposium of Tropical Ecology; and Wau, Papua New Guinea, to visit the Wau Ecology Institute and the Robinsons. The Dresslers are expected back at STRI around the first week of June.

Dr. Dave Janos will be going to the U.S. for 3-4 week visit.

Dr. Gordon Burghardt will be returning to the University of Tenn.

Mr. Steve Gaines will be returning to California.

Ms. Diane Stoecker will be returning to New York.

Note

As you were notified, the scientific meeting on Tuesday, March 13th will be at 2 p.m. instead of at 9 a.m.

cont.

'Noteworthy Editorial Effort'

Today's La Estrella carries an article that praises the editorial efforts of the Panamanian Academy of Medicine and Surgery in their January issue of the Revista Medica de Panama.

The author mentions several of the articles published in this journal, among which he cites "an excellent article by Dr. Ira Rubinoff, Director of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute... entitled 'The Environmental Problems Facing Panama' and translated into Spanish by Dr. Pedro Galindo."

After mentioning some of the environmental problems discussed by Dr. Rubinoff, the author concludes that the editors of this journal would be doing a great service to the community if they had Dr. Rubinoff's paper as a reprint (which has already been done) and had it published in the Sunday editions of the two newspapers of greatest circulation (El Dominical and La Estrella).

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