

SEMINAR NEWS

On Tuesday, November 27, at 12 noon in the Ancon Conference Room, ROBERT RICHMOND, STRI Postdoctoral Fellow, will present a 30-minute talk on:

An energetic approach relating fecundity, growth and reproduction in the coral, Pocillopora damicornis

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

We welcome JEREMY JACKSON who arrived this past week to join the STRI staff. Dr. Jackson's office is on the second floor of Bldg. 359 at Naos.

November 26 - Arriving, D. BREESE, M. HERD, G. BAXENDELL, M. DOLAND and G. TURNBALL, BBC, and scientific advisor, DAVID HOUSTON, to film the lifestyle of scavenging birds in the tropics. They will be on BCI until December 5.

November 26 - Leaving, ELENA LOMBARDO, to attend the meetings of the Preparatory Committee for Panama Canal Alternatives to be held through December 7 in Tokyo, Japan. A tripartite commission of representatives from Panama, the U.S. and Japan will attend these meetings to finalize the budget and study plans related to canal alternatives. The Smithsonian Institution also will be represented by Dr. David Challinor, Assistant Secretary for Science, and Dr. Meredith Jones, National Museum of Natural History.

November 29 - Arriving, ROBIN ANDREWS, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to study population synchrony and dynamics of the lizard, Anolis limifrons. She will be at BCI for one month.

LIBRARY NEWS

Missing books:

- Invertebrate Zoology (R. Barnes, 1980).
- Strategic Role of Perigean Tides in Nautical History and North American Coastal Flooding 1635-1976 (Fergus, J. Wood, 1978).
- Tropical Forest Resources (Jean-Paul Lanly, 1982).

The Library asks users to search their offices and labs for AWOL material and return them ASAP to a library truck for reshelving.

Some new books received:

- Analysis of spatial patterns ecological relations (Mattern, Batil, 1972).
- Ecological entomology (Wiley, 1984).
- Ecosystem concept in anthropology (Westview, 1984).
- Marine plankton life cycle strategies (CRC Press, 1984).
- Tropical Nature (Forsyth, Adrian, 1984).

REMINDER

Wednesday, November 28 is an official holiday in the Republic of Panama to commemorate Panama's independence from Spain. STRI offices will be open but a liberal leave policy will be observed.

STRI REPRINT DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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Adherence with this policy will be greatly appreciated.

NEW SABBATICAL PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AT STRI

STRI has initiated a program of sabbatical support for Latin American scientists who wish to conduct an original research project or prepare a book or scientific manuscript for publication while in residence at the Institute. The program offers selected candidates a living allowance, travel and research expenses for a period from three months to a year. Applicants should have a Ph.D., a strong record of scientific productivity and interest in the research conducted at STRI. Announcements about the program are available from G. de Alba at Ancon.

ASSISTANTS AVAILABLE

Three University of Panama biology students who have been working for Steve Mulkey at BCI would like to assist other STRI researchers beginning January 1985. For further information, please call S. Mulkey at 52-2124.