

SEMINAR NEWS

MIGUEL MARTINEZ, Director of the Tuxtla Station, Veracruz, Mexico, will be our speaker for the luncheon seminar Tuesday, December 11. His seminar will be on forest dynamics, and the exact title will be announced after his arrival on Monday afternoon. There will be things to eat for those who wish to stay and exchange ideas after the seminar.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

December 9 - Leaving, DAVE ROUBIK, for San Antonio, Texas, to present two invited papers, one on Africanized Honeybees and the other on Pollination Efficiency, at the national meetings of the Entomological Society of America. He will return to STRI December 13th.

December 10 - Arriving, MIGUEL MARTINEZ, Director of the Tuxtla Station, and his wife, for a one week visit to STRI facilities.

December 10 - Arriving, MITCH AIDE, University of Utah to study the influence of light and herbivory on the growth rate of a tropical liana. He will be on BCI until February 1st.

December 10 - Arriving, REBECCA SHAD, to work with Charles Handley on a study of the demography and natural history of bats, with emphasis on food habits of canopy foraging frugivores.

December 13 - Arriving, HENRY HOWE, University of Iowa, to continue his research on ecology of a neotropical seed-dispersal system. He will be on BCI for one week.

Expected to arrive this week is NANCY KNOWLTON to join the STRI scientific staff at the Naos Marine Laboratory. Bienvenida.

LIBRARY NEWS

See listing of new books on the back.

REMINDERS

The regular scientific staff meeting for this month will be on Tuesday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

Saturday, December 8th is the celebration of Mother's Day in Panama and several other Latin American countries. It is an official holiday and all business establishments will be closed.

NEW LABORATORY/CONFERENCE CENTER  
AT THE TIVOLI SITE

STRI Director Ira Rubinoff has announced the confirmation by Mr. Glenn O. Tupper of San Jose, Costa Rica that the Tupper Foundation will make a grant to STRI in the amount of four million dollars for the construction of a laboratory/conference center at the Tivoli Site.

The new laboratories and conference center will facilitate innovative research at STRI and will honor the creativity and invention of the late Earl S. Tupper. The new complex, scheduled for completion in 1987, will also include a dining facility, and outdoor cages and plant growing areas.

The EARL S. TUPPER RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE CENTER will create a campus like facility, foster interaction among scientists, and provide closer access to the library for a larger proportion of our scientific community. Also it will provide new laboratories and adequate parking and storage for staff and visiting scientists. The partial consolidation of research activities will also help to facilitate custodial, security, computing, procurement and editorial services at STRI.

NOTES OF INTEREST

On Tuesday December 4, DON WINDSOR gave a presentation: "La Relación entre Precipitación y Escorrentía en Bosques Tropicales" at the PRIMER CONGRESO CIENTIFICO NACIONAL held at the University of Panama December 3-5.

DAVE ROUBIK was the main speaker at a regional meeting on Africanized Honeybee Management organized by MIDA and OIRSA and held at Divisa Dec. 3-7.

AID GRANTS PROGRAM IN SCIENCE  
& TECHNOLOGY

AID announces a new grants program to support new and innovative research. Funding decisions are made on the basis of 4 criteria: scientific merit, relevance to development, innovativeness, and improvement of scientific capabilities in countries receiving AID development assistance. The topics considered are biotechnology/immunology, plant biotechnology, chemistry for world food needs, biomass resources conversion technology, biological control, ocean and earth sciences and genetic resources. A 2-3 page pre-proposal is required and the deadline for submission is 1 February 1985. Guidelines are available from G. de Alba at Ancon.

New Books:

- Advances in Abandoned Settlement Analysis Application to Prehistoric Anthrosols in Colombia, South America (Robert C. Eidt, 1984).
- Birds of Suriname; an Annotated Checklist (Paul Donahue, 1982).
- International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (Jack Vincent, 1966).
- Linguistic exogamy and Tukanoan identity in Northwest Amazonia (Jean E. Jackson, 1983).
- Natural Environment: An Annotated Bibliography on Attitudes and Values (Mary Anglemeyer, 1984).
- The Ornithology of the Republic of Panama (Ludlow Griscom, 1935). MS
- Penguin Dictionary of Archaeology 2nd ed (Warwick Bray, 1982).
- Production and exchange on two islands in the Gulf of Nicoya, Costa Rica, A.D. 1200-1550.
- Soil Microbiology: A Model of Decomposition and Nutrient Cycling (O.L. Smith, 1982).
- Tropical Agriculture 4 ed (Gordon Wrigley, 1982).
- Tropical Pulses (J. Smartt, 1976).
- Tropical Grassland Husbandry (L.V. Crowder, 1982).

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