

SEMINAR NEWS

MARY JANE WEST-EBERHARD, STRI, will give the seminar on Tuesday, January 15, in the Ancon Conference Room. Her subject will be:

Sexual selection, social competition and speciation

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

January 12 - Arriving, ERNEST WILLIAMS, Museum of Comparative Zoology, to work with S. Rand on continuing anoline lizard projects. He will be in Gamboa through the end of March.

January 13 - Arriving, MARY JANE WEST-EBERHARD, for an official 5-day visit, and to present a seminar.

January 14 - Arriving, ROBERT McC. ADAMS, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to visit STRI facilities until January 18 (see second column for details).

January 14 - Arriving, LINDEN HIGGINS, University of Texas, to study environmental factors affecting individual behaviors and population dynamics of an orb-web spider, *Nephila clavipes*. She will stay at BCI through December 1985.

January 17 - Arriving, BERNADETTE MARRIOTT, Goucher College, with a group of students, to conduct part of a 3-week intensive course on non-human primate behavior. They will visit BCI daily for four days to study animal-plant interactions and the diversity of animal species on BCI.

NOTICE ON SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Please remember to check expiration dates on safety equipment in your possession (flares, smoke signals, life jackets, fire extinguishers). Users of this equipment should request the necessary replacements from Facilities Management by sending R. Ely information on the number and type of equipment needed.

NEW PUBLICATION

GUIA DE LOS ARBOLES COMUNES DEL PARQUE NACIONAL SOBERANIA, by George Angehr, Phyllis Coley and Andrea Worthington, a co-publication by STRI and RENARE, December 1984, now available at the Tivoli mini-bookstore for \$2.00.

NOTE OF INTEREST

DANIEL H. JANZEN, Univ. of Penn., recently was awarded the prestigious Craaford Prize by the Swedish Academy of Sciences. Well known for his work in the tropical forests of Costa Rica, Janzen was selected for his "imaginative and stimulating studies on co-evolution, which have inspired many researchers...."

SMITHSONIAN SECRETARY VISITS STRI

Secretary ROBERT McC. ADAMS will arrive in Panama Monday evening, January 14, for a three-day visit of Smithsonian facilities on the isthmus.

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, Secretary Adams will visit Ancon, and be the guest of honor at a dinner attended by officials of the Government of Panama and other local institutions, and members of the STRI staff. Wednesday morning, he will visit the Naos Marine Laboratory, departing in the afternoon for BCI, where he will spend the evening. Thursday morning he will tour Galeta, and that afternoon will fly over the San Blas. He will return to Washington Friday morning.

Secretary Adams is a distinguished anthropologist and archaeologist (specialty, Middle Eastern and Mesoamerican archaeology). He was professor at the University of Chicago, director of its Oriental Institute and provost before becoming the Smithsonian's ninth secretary. His research focuses on the development of urbanism in the Old and New Worlds.

GRADUATE MARINE ECOLOGY COURSE

STRI and the University of Panama's Center for Marine Sciences and Limnology (CCML) will offer jointly a graduate level course in marine ecology from Feb. 25 - April 6. The objective of the course is to provide students with both the theoretical and practical backgrounds necessary to perform research, plan programs, and make contributions to the protection and development of marine resources. The course is being co-coordinated by Robert Richmond, STRI, and Luis D'Croz, CCML.

A grant from the TINKER FOUNDATION will support the participation of 5 invited students from other Latin American nations, and an invited instructor, Dr. Peter Glynn. Approximately 15 instructors from both institutions will give lectures, lead field trips and laboratory sessions. Selection procedures for local students will be announced shortly.

SYSTAT WORKSHOP POSTPONED

The SYSTAT workshop originally scheduled for 22-24 January had been postponed indefinitely. SYSTAT is a statistical program package for use on the IBM PCs. The Smithsonian Office of Information Resources Management (OIRM) purchased a number of copies of SYSTAT for use by the scientific staff of the institution, and have provided several to STRI free of charge. SYSTAT is in use at Ancon, BCI, Gamboa, Galeta and Naos. Twenty staff and fellows had expressed interest in participating in the workshop.

Dave Dance of OIRM planned to come to Panama to explain the use of the program. His visit has been postponed due to lack of travel funds at OIRM. The visit will be rescheduled if/when funds become available.