

SEMINAR NEWS

RANDY ZELICK, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, will be the speaker on Tuesday, January 29. His subject will be:

Acoustic communication in tree frogs: adaptations for a noisy environment

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

January 29 - Arriving, members of the Smithsonian Council of Science Administrators to visit STRI facilities for 4 days.

January 29 - Arriving, SCOTT CARROLL, University of Utah, on a STRI Short-term Fellowship, to study the ecology of reproductive competition among males of the bug, Dysdercus bimaculatus on BCI. He will be here for three months, and will be accompanied by his wife, JENELLA LOYE, University of Oklahoma.

January 30 - Leaving, STAN RAND, for India to present a paper at the meetings commemorating the Indian Academy of Sciences Golden Jubilee. He will be away for two weeks.

A recent arrival to BCI is JEFF KLAHN, who has the job of coordinating the Earthwatch volunteers and local assistants recensusing the trees in the Hubbell/Foster plot.

RESEARCH REPORT FORMS

A contract between STRI and the Republic of Panama through the Ministry of Health authorizes STRI scientific activities in the Republic of Panama. It is STRI's obligation to maintain the Ministry of Health informed about our research activities on the isthmus. Each year, the Office of the Director compiles all "Research Report Forms" describing on-going or anticipated projects for the current calendar year, and presents them in a book to the Minister of Health. Staff scientists, fellows and research associates will receive shortly the forms to fill out and return to the Office of the Director by March 1st. Your prompt compliance to complete the forms and return them before the deadline will be greatly appreciated.

MISSING: Two optical instruments B&L; S.I. Tag 165613- Serial No. 781600 that were outside the Procurement Office to be delivered to the disposal center. If you need to use them, just let Procurement know.

UPCOMING TALK by EGBERT LEIGH, STRI, "The relationship between science and the Christian faith," on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m., at the Bishop Gooden Center behind St. Luke's Cathedral on Gorgas Road.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Director Ira Rubinoff announces the appointment of ALEJANDRO HERNANDEZ to the position of Supervisory Game warden for the Barro Colorado Nature Monument. After interviewing various candidates, the selecting committee nominated Hernandez for the position. Hernandez has a Forestry Technician degree from the University of Panama, and joined the STRI game warden force in 1979. In May 1984, he was promoted to group leader, and has served as acting supervisor of the game warden force since October when P. Acosta retired.

COUNCIL OF SCIENCE ADMINISTRATORS  
MEETING AT STRI

Members of the Smithsonian Council of Science Administrators will be visiting STRI and holding their meetings here during the coming week. Attending the meetings from SI support offices and other science bureaus are: HAROLD MICHAELSON and RITA JORDAN, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research; FELIX LOWE and TED RIVINUS, SI Press; JOHN COLBERT, Office of Supply Services; CATHERINE HARRIS, Office of Fellowships & Grants; SAUNDRA THOMAS, Office of International Activities; ROBERT TANNER, Accounting; CAROLYN WALKER, Environmental Research Center; MARY TANNER, National Museum of Natural History; ROBERT AYER, Astrophysical Observatory; ALICE ADAMS, Air & Space Museum. They will visit BCI on Tuesday, Galeta on Wednesday, and Naos, the Tivoli and Library buildings on Friday. On Thursday, they will be holding an all day meeting in the Ancon Conference Room.

NEW ANCON COORDINATOR

ROBERT DRESSLER has agreed to serve as the new Ancon facility coordinator. He will oversee space allocations and be in charge of general coordination at the Ancon building, a responsibility previously held by Henk Wolda.

EXHIBIT AT THE MUSEO DEL HOMBRE

The exhibit "Tradición y Cambio entre los Ngawbere de la Península Valiente en Bocas del Toro" will be inaugurated Jan. 25 at 4:30 pm in the SALA DE EXPOSICIONES TEMPORALES, Museo del Hombre Panameño. The exhibit, partly funded by STRI, is based on photographs and objects collected for the MUSEO among the Guaymí by Keith Bletzer, Univ. of Michigan.