

SEMINAR

No luncheon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd. Check bulletin boards for other seminar announcements.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

May 30 - Arriving, KYLE SUMMERS, University of Michigan, on a STRI Short term Fellowship, to study mating and parental behavior in the green poison-dart frog, Dendrobates auratus on Taboga Island. He will be here for 3 months.

May 30 - Arriving, H. ENRIQUE BRUCHER, Centro Regional de Investigaciones Cientificas, Mendoza, Argentina, for 3 months, to study the importance of the Isthmus of Panama as a migrating bridge for tuberbearing Solanum and Phaseolus species.

May 31 Arriving, PAUL WELDON, Texas A & M University, to study chemical interactions between sea snakes and their predators. He will be at Naos until August 31.

June 1 - Arriving, CAY CRAIG and assistant, EVE VOGEL, Yale University, to study the influence of insect visual capabilities on the evolution of arachnid foraging strategies. They will be on BCI for 3 months.

June 1 - Leaving, JIM KARR for the US on vacation; he will return June 10.

June 1 - Leaving, ARGELIS ROMAN, for the US to attend the International Marine Protected Area Management Seminar sponsored by NOAA, to be held in Florida and California. She will return June 15.

June 2 - Arriving, RAYMOND PETERSEN, Howard University, to study salinity tolerance assessments of the mangrove ferns Acrostichum aureum and A. danaefolium. He will be at Galeta and Naos until July 31.

June 2 - Arriving, MANUEL GUARIGUATA, Universidad Simon Bolivar, Venezuela, on an Exxon Assistantship to collaborate with A. Smith on BCI until August 15.

June 3 - Arriving, SANTIAGO MADRIÑAN, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia, on an Exxon Assistantship to collaborate with J. Zimmerman on BCI for 3 months.

June 4 - Arriving, ROBERT HOFFMANN, new director of the National Museum of Natural History, for a 3-day visit of STRI facilities.

June 4 - Arriving, R. KEY, to collaborate with R. Stallard on a study of the chemistry of soils on BCI.

IN THE NEWS

-News of the oil spill has appeared in the Washington Post and The New York Times (see on the back).

-In "A letter to Robert L. Dressler," Tobias Díaz Blaitry in LA REPUBLICA (Sunday, May 25) highlights some of Bob Dressler's scientific accomplishments. The letter is to be continued next Sunday.

LIBRARY NEWS

See listing of new books on the back.

The new Library copier does not reduce or enlarge materials. When needing the reduction feature, users are requested to use the Tivoli copier.

The new copier does do double sided copies. Check with the library staff before using the double sided feature.

NOTE: New photocopiers have been installed at the various facilities. Please inquire about operation procedures.

AROUND THE FACILITIES

-Roxana Duran will be on maternity leave from June 2 - September 1st. During her absence, Maria Lorena Ossa will work in the Director's Office during morning hours.

-Ana Luisa De La Espada will work as a parttime receptionist at Tivoli from June - September.

-Vielka de Navarro has a temporary appointment as clerk typist in the Office of Educational Programs, Ancon.

-John Christy will be Acting Marine Coordinator until J. Jackson returns June 22.

-While Argelis Roman is away June 2 - 16, Edith King will be at Galeta. Arcadio Rodaniche will also be there attending to certain matters related to the oil spill.

NEXT WEEK

-Formal sessions of the Canal Alternatives Commission will take place here June 3-5. Ira Rubinoff and Elena Lombardo will participate.

-On Thursday, June 5, Nathan Sharon, Dean of the Department of Biophysics and Biochemistry, Weizmann Scientific Institute, Israel, will give a conference at 5:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of the Nursing School, University of Panama. His subject:

Lectinas vegetales - propiedades y aplicaciones biomédicas

## LIBRARY NEWS

### New books:

- ADVANCES IN GENETICS, DEVELOPMENT, AND EVOLUTION OF DROSOPHILA ( Seppo Lakovaara, editor, 1982 ) QL 537 D76E97 STRI  
ANATOMY OF THE HONEY BEE ( R.E. Snodgrass, 1984 ) QL 568 A6S72 STRI  
ANIMAL BEHAVIOR ( T.R. Halliday and P.J.B. Slater, 1983 ) QL 751 A647 STRI  
APPLIED MULTIVARIATE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS ( Richard A. Johnson, and Dean W. Wichern, 1982 ) QA 278 J63 STRI  
  
BEEKEEPING IN SOUTH AFRICA ( R.H. Anderson, 1983 ) qSF 531 S6A549 STRI  
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FISHES (MICROFORM) ( Bashford Dean, 1916-23 ) STRI mfc 725n  
  
CONSERVATION OF ISLAND BIRDS: CASE STUDIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THREATENED ISLAND SPECIES ( P.J. Moore, 1985 ) QL 676.5 C75 STRI  
CONTROL OF LEAF GROWTH ( N.R. Baker, et al editors, 1985 ) QK 649 C69 STRI  
  
FISH MIGRATION ( Brian A. McKeown, 1984 ) QL639.5 M15 STRI  
  
HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF THE TROPICAL FOREST TRIBES OF THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF MESOAMERICA ( MICROFORM) ( Anne M. Chapman, 1958 ) mfm 1016 STRI  
  
LITERATURE OF THE LIFE SCIENCES ( David A. Kronick, 1985 ) QH 303.6K76 STRIREF  
  
MATRIX ALGEBRA USEFUL FOR STATISTICS ( Shayle R. Searle, 1982 ) QA 188S4 STRI  
MODELING NATURE: EPISODES IN THE HISTORY OF POPULATION ECOLOGY ( Sharon E. Kingland, 1985 ) QH 352 K56 STRI  
MORPHOMETRICS IN EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY: THE GEOMETRY OF SIZE AND SHAPE CHANGE, WITH EXAMPLES FROM FISHES ( Fred L. Bookstein et al, editors, 1985 ) QH 351 M62 STRI  
  
ON SIZE AND LIFE ( Thomas A. McMahon, John T. Bonner, 1983 ) QH 351 M34 STRI  
L'ORGANISATION SOCIALE DES FOURMIS ( Luc Passera, 1984 ) QL 568 F7P37 STRI  
  
PHENOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS OF MALE EUGLOSSINE BEES (HYMENOPTERA: APIDAE) AND THEIR ORCHID FRAGRANCE HOSTS ( James D. Ackerman, 1981 ) MICROFORM mfc 727 STRI  
POSSUMS AND GLIDERS ( Andrew Smith and Ian Hume, editors, 1984 ) qQL 737 M38P85 STRI  
  
SHIPIBO SUBSISTENCE IN THE UPPER AMAZON RAINFOREST ( Roland W. Bergman, 1974 ) MICROFORM mfm 1017 STRI  
SLOVAR NAZVANII MORSKIKH RYB NA SHESTI IAZIKAKH: DICTIONARY OF NAMES OF MARINE FISHES ON THE SIX LANGUAGES ( A.N. Kotliar, 1984 ) QL614.7 K87 STRIREF  
STATISTICAL METHODS IN BIOLOGY ( Norman T.J. Bailey, 1981 ) QH 323.5B33 STRI 2nd ed.  
  
TRANSFORMING PRINCIPLE: DISCOVERING THAT GENES ARE MADE OF DNA ( M. McCarty, 1985 ) QH448.4 M33 STRI  
TREES AND NETWORKS IN BIOLOGICAL MODELS ( N. MacDonald, 1983 ) QH 324.8 M2 STRI

### STRI IN THE NEWS

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1986

#### **Oil Spill Damages U.S. Study Of Coral-Reef Life in Panama**

WASHINGTON, May 24 (UPI) — A 55,000-gallon oil spill from a refinery tank failure in Panama has caused extensive damage to a large coral-reef biological reserve, the Smithsonian Institution has reported.

The institution said Wednesday that oil had settled on exposed coral and contaminated major portions of the reef, destroying thousands of marine organisms and wiping out dozens of research projects at the Smithsonian's Galeta Island Marine Laboratory, on the eastern shore of Panama.

The spill occurred April 27 when a tank ruptured at Refinería Panamá S.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of Texaco Inc. People at the refinery thought they had the oil contained until May 4, when a change of weather pushed the oil along the coast.

THE WASHINGTON POST, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1986

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