TRI NEWSLETTER

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November 14th, 1986

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, will be given by Don Feener from the University of Iowa. His subject: Interactions between Ants and Parasitic Phorid Flies—Three Case Studies and their General Implications.

On the following Tuesday, November 25, the seminar will be given by Jurgen Hoth, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, on: The Volcano Rabbit (Romero lagus diazi), a Case Study of Conservation in Mexico.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

November 8 - Arrived, Barbara Alexander and Henry Dykema from Cambridge, Massachusetts as research assistants in the Iguana Management Project.

ON LEAVE

Audrey Smith: November 14
Otilia Perez: November 10 - 17
Angel Aguirre: November 14, November 15 - 21

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN SEASON

As announced in Newsletter No. 44, Open Season this year started November 10 and will run until December 5, at which time enrollees (pre-treaty employees entitled to government-sponsored health benefits) may change from one plan to another, from one option to another in the same plan, or from self only to self and family.

There is a small supply of brochures in the Personnel Office for anyone who wishes to review and compare the new benefits and premiums effective January 1987.

Employees who decide not to make an enrollment change this year, do not have to do anything. The current enrollment will continue automatically. Those who decide to make a change, should request a SF-2809 from the STRI Personnel Office before the Open Season ends.

MORE PERSONNEL NEWS

NMU dues will increase effective December 1, 1986. The new rate will be $4.61 per pay period.

TRAINING PROGRAM IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The International Center for Marine Resource Development (ICMRD) at the University of Rhode Island is offering a training program from May through June 1987 for senior and mid-level administrative personnel involved in training, education, planning, and development of fisheries programs. Course titles are the following:

Information from the Harvest Sector.
Microcomputer applications in Fisheries.
Minimizing Post-Harvest Losses.

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TEMPORADA ABIERTA PARA SEGUROS

Tal como se anunció en el Boletín No. 44, la Temporada Abierta este año comenzó el 10 de noviembre y terminará el 5 de diciembre. Durante este periodo, los que tienen este beneficio (empleados de antes del Tratado que tienen derecho a beneficios médicos patrocinados por el gobierno federal) pueden cambiarse de un plan a otro, de una opción a otra dentro del mismo plan, o de un plan individual a un plan familiar.

Hay una cantidad limitada de panfletos en la Oficina de Personal para el que desee revisar y comparar los nuevos beneficios y primas que estarán vigentes en enero de 1987.

Aquéllos que decidan no cambiarse este año, no tienen que hacer nada ya que automáticamente continuarán en el plan que tienen. Los que deciden hacer un cambio deberán conseguir un formulario 2809 en la Oficina de Personal de STRI antes que termine la Temporada Abierta.
PUBLIC LAW 99-423—SEPT. 30, 1986 100 STAT. 963

Public Law 99–423
99th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan and construct facilities for certain science activities of the Institution, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution is authorized to plan and construct facilities for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

Sec. 2. Effective October 1, 1986, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:
(a) $4,500,000 for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory; and
(b) $11,100,000 for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

Sec. 3. Any portion of the sums appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act may be transferred to the General Services Administration which, in consultation with the Smithsonian Institution, is authorized to enter into contracts and take such other action, to the extent of the sums so transferred to it, as may be necessary to carry out such purposes.

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LIBRARY NEWS

New books:

ANIMAL WORLDS (Marston Bates, [1963]) QL50.B3X STRI
THE BACKGROUND OF ECOLOGY: CONCEPT AND THEORY (Robert F. McIntosh, 1985) QH541.M386 1985X STRI
CLOFFES, CHECKLIST OF THE FISHES OF THE RED SEA (Menahem Dor, 1984) QL622.34.D67 1984X STRI
CONCEPTUAL ISSUES IN ECOLOGY (Esa Saarinen, Ed., 1982) QH541.C64 1982X STRI
ENVIRONMENT AND ARCHEOLOGY; AN ECOLOGICAL APPROACH TO PREHISTORY (Karl W. Butzer, [1971]) QH741.B6 STRI
FORESTS OF LILLIPUT; THE REALM OF MOSSES AND LICHENS (John H. Bland, [1971]) QK583.B64 STRI
FUNGI, MAN, AND HIS ENVIRONMENT (Roderic C. Cooke, 1977) QK604.C63X STRI
KINGFISHERS AND RELATED BIRDS (Joseph M. Forshaw, 1963–) QF696.C7F73 STRIREF
KOLIBRIER (Mogens Behnke-Pedersen, 1972) QL696.A55B41 STRI
THE LEOPARD’S TALE (Jonathan Scott, 1985) QL737.C23942 1985 STRI
MEDICAL BOTANY: PLANTS AFFECTING MAN’S HEALTH (Walter H. Lewis, 1977) RS164.L475X STRI
PATTERNS OF SURVIVAL (Lorus J. Milne, [1967]) QH546.M65 STRI
PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES: AN INTRODUCTION TO THEIR CONSERVATION AND USE (Brian Ford-Lloyd, 1985) QK981.F712 1985 STRI
THE SENSES OF ANIMALS AND MEN (Lorus J. Milne, 1962) QP431.M5X STRI
SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN ANIMALS (Trevor B. Poole, 1985) QL739.3.F66 1985X STRI
SUBJECT DIRECTORY OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS Z675.A2Y68 1985 STRIREF
A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE INDO-AUSTRALIAN ZOSTEROPIDAE (G. F. Mees, 1975–) QL696.F29B495 STRI
TERRESTRIAL PLANT ECOLOGY (Michael G. Barber, 1980) QK901.B454X 1980 STRI
VEGETATION DYNAMICS IN TEMPERATE LOWLAND PRIMEVAL FORESTS: ECOLOGICAL STUDIES IN BIAOWIEZA FOREST (Janusz B. Falinski, 1986) QK322.F33 1986X