

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

The noon talk scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, will be given by DAVID ZEH, from the University of Arizona. His subject:

Sexual Dimorphism in
Pseudoscorpions: Aggression,
Density, Timing, and Genes.

Another noon talk will be given on Thursday, April 16, by CHRISTIAN THOMAS, from the University of Texas. His subject:

Accumulation of Insect
Herbivores on Novel Plants.

That same Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m., CHARLES HANDLEY and STORRS OLSON of the National Museum of Natural History will present an informal discussion on the results of their work on the vertebrates of the islands of Bocas del Toro. All staff, visitors, and fellows are welcome.

The following week's noon seminar on Tuesday, April 21, will be given by ETHEL VILLALOBOS from the University of California at Los Angeles. She will speak on:

Variation in Provisioning
Tactics Among Female
Wasps Stictia heros.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Arrived last week, DAVID MACDONALD, a tropical forest biology postdoc applicant from the University of Arizona, on a three day visit to STRI.

April 12 - Arriving, JOSEPH YAVITT and KEL WIEDER, from the University of West Virginia, to study the mineralization and nutrient dynamics on irrigated plots. They will be on BCI until April 17.

April 12 - Departing, LEONOR MOTTA, on official business for one week to attend a meeting of the Council of Science Administrators in Ft. Pierce.

April 12 - Departing, SYLVIA CHURGIN, for Washington, DC on official business and a short vacation until May 6.

April 13 - Arriving, DAVID ZEH, a postdoc applicant from the University of Arizona, to visit the STRI facilities and give a seminar.

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April 13 - Arriving, LEO FLEISHMAN, from the University of Texas at Austin, on a short-term visitor appointment for two weeks. He will be in Gamboa studying prey localization in crocodylians.

April 15 - Arriving, CHRISTIAN THOMAS, a postdoc applicant from the University of Texas. He will be visiting the STRI facilities and giving a seminar.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS
ATHERTON SEIDELL ENDOWMENT FUND

Proposals for this fund must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Research by April 15 for consideration in May 1987. The next deadline for proposals is September 15 for committee review in October 1987.

The Atherton Seidell Endowment funds projects that aid in the dissemination of scientific information. In particular, they fund the reprinting of significant publications, the translation and reproduction of materials previously published in English into other languages, etc. For more information, see your bulletin board.

Please send your proposals to the Director's Office.

PERSONNEL NEWS

Beginning April 15, RAINELDO URRIOLOA will begin working as the new BCI Coordinator. Welcome!

ON LEAVE

Carmen Sucre, April 13 - 24
Maria Morello, April 16

REMINDERS AND OTHER NEWS

April 17 - Good Friday is a Panamanian holiday and an official STRI holiday. Businesses, government offices and banks will be closed.

Lorena Gates, from Facilities Management, will be handling the US government vehicles drivers' licenses from now on.

The cat at the Procurement Office gave birth to 4 kittens in one of the filing cabinets about a month ago--2 males and 2 females. They are exceedingly cute and just about ready for a nice home. Anyone interested?

The Librarian will be on administrative leave in Washington, D.C. from April 13 through the 24 and return to Panama on May 6th. During this time, Roberto Sarmiento will be acting Chief Librarian.

The Library has only one operative phone now... 62-3151. Do not use the alternate number.

BETA tapes are available for circulation now, of Living Planet and Life on Earth.

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The Other American History

Smithsonian Museum to Focus on Hispanic Culture

By Kara Swisher
Special to The Washington Post

The Smithsonian Institution has taken its first major steps toward starting a program in Hispanic American history. Thirteen members of an advisory council met recently to discuss ways to increase the emphasis on Hispanic culture at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. Although there are no plans yet for a permanent exhibit, museum officials are planning a film series, lectures and other displays for this fall focusing on Hispanic communities in the United States.

"We are only in the infant stage," says program coordinator Pauline Nuñez-Morales. "But this is the first organized effort and we want to begin slowly."

It couldn't have come at a better time. The Smithsonian is gearing up for the Columbus Quincentenary in 1992, commemorating Columbus' landing and marking 500 years of Hispanic presence in the Americas.

"I think the whole celebration reminded all of us about the lack of real museum attention to the Hispanic community," Nuñez-Morales says. She doesn't speculate about why it took so long for the museum, which has extensive exhibits on black Americans and other minorities, to address the Hispanics. "Why does it take so long for most of America to address anything—women, blacks and other less visible, but important, topics?" she asks.

The first program Nuñez-Morales is considering is a show on Hispanics in Washington, and she hopes eventually to cover communities across the country.