



STRI NEWS

NOTICE TO ALL ARRIVING VISITORS & FELLOWS

Stop in to see Mrs. Gloria Maggiori or Mrs. Elena Lombardo at the Tivoli Office soon after your arrival at STRI to discuss your immigration status in Panama and to obtain information on what you must do, where and when, in order to remain in the Republic. This applies to everyone visiting for over thirty days.

NOTICE TO SCIENTISTS AND STUDENTS WORKING ON THE PIPELINE ROAD AREA

RENARE, the Panamanian entity that will be in charge of the new National Park in the Pipeline Road area, has requested a list of all the on-going (or soon to be carried out) projects on the Pipeline Road. If you happen to be working in the Pipeline Road area, or plan to do so in the near future, please contact Mrs. G. de Alba at the Tivoli, so that your name and a description of your project can be included in this list.

SEMINARS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, January 8th will be given by Dr. Stanley Heckadon, from the Ministry of Planification, who will speak on:

"Present colonization of tropical forests in Panama"

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

There will be an evening seminar on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the BCI Lounge. This seminar will be given by Dr. David Inouye, of the University of Maryland who will speak on:

"Population biology of Frasera speciosa (Gentianaceae) in the Colorado Rockies: A long-lived perennial monocarp with a 4-year reproductive cycle".

Please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Butler at 52-2124 or 52-2142, if you plan to attend.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Arriving this week:

Ms. Mary Power, Univ. of Washington, to continue studies of the loricariid catfish.

Ms. Gail Irvine, Univ. of California at Santa Barbara, to continue research on algal succession and territorial herbivory: an experimental study of a coral reef damselfish. Gail will be in San Blas until about August, 1980.

Dr. Steve Hoffman, Univ. of California at Santa Barbara, to begin his post-doctoral fellowship at STRI. Dr. Hoffman will be in San Blas studying "Time and Energy Budget Responses to Food Addition in an Herbivorous parrotfish".

Leaving this week are:

Doctors Henry Howe and Peter Abrams, after brief visits.

BEFORE GOING TO THE TOP OF ANCON HILL ---  
OR COMING DOWN --- CALL FIRST

We received a complaint today from the Military Police that a STRI vehicle almost caused an accident on the top of Ancon Hill because the driver did not call to inform the MP that he was on his way down. The other vehicle, from FAA, had been given the OK by the MP to go up the hill, and almost collided with the STRI vehicle coming down.

All scientists that usually go up to the top of Ancon Hill know that it is necessary to obtain clearance in order to go up or down the hill with a vehicle. If you have any students assisting you in a project, please inform them of this requirement. Failure to comply with it, might jeopardize our future access to the Hill.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE TIVOLI

Two new tenants of the Tivoli garden: PRISCILLA and ARMILA, 2 turtles of the species Geochelone carbonaria, which is an endangered species. (These turtles belonged to J. Ventocilla, a student from the U. of Panama working at the Tivoli).

Dr. Robert Trivers is working at the Tivoli. His office is where Dr. Greenfield's old office used to be.

LITTLE KNOWN BIOLOGICAL FACTS

The lifespan of most Genomes is 400 years.

They grow to about 6 inches tall and are relatively seven times stronger than Man.

They are also charming and loveable and are often found on the Range.

Anonymous contribution to the Newsletter

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