SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

The luncheon talk on June 23 will be given by PAUL WELDON from Texas A & M University. His title:

The Chemical Recognition of Predators.

"Experiments involving the detection of vertebrate predators by chemical clues in fishes, reptiles and mammals are described. Chemicals responsible for the elicitation of defenses have been isolated and, in some cases, characterized."

NEXT WEEK:

The luncheon talk on June 30 will be given by ROBERT DUDLEY from the University of Cambridge. His title:

Kinematics, Aerodynamics, and Energetics of Insects in Flight.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

June 21 - Departing, BARBARACUSATTI for Washington, D.C. for a one-week training course.

June 22 - Arriving, DAVID OLSON, from the University of California at Davis, to study the effects of elevation on ant fauna and other litter organisms of tropical forests. He will be working in the area of Fortuna.

June 22 - Arriving, GISELLE MORA, from the University of Florida at Gainesville, on a Noyes Fellowship to study exclusive male parental care in the harvestmen (spiders). She will be on BCI for 6 months.

June 22 - Arriving, PHILLIP REISS, director of the SI Office of Design and Construction, on a 3-day visit. He will be here to consult on the advance of the construction projects at STRI, and review construction problems.

June 22 - Departing, LEONOR MOTTA, to New York on official business for two days.

SCIENTIFIC STAFF MEETING

The scientific staff meeting for this month will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd, at 9:30 am in the Ancon Conference Room.

ON LEAVE

June 22 - Sept 22: LORENA GATES will be in the U.S. for 3 months.

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CONDECORACION VASCO NUNEZ DE BALBOA

Mediante el Decreto 58 del 20 de marzo de 1987 fue otorgada la Orden Nacional de "Vasco Nuñez de Balboa" al Director de STRI. Dr. Ira Rubinoфф. La ceremonia se llevó a cabo el 18 de junio en el despacho del Ministro de Salud, Dr. Francisco Sanchez Cárdenas. Esta condecoración fue solicitada al Sr. Presidente de la República por distinguidas autoridades científicas de la República de Panamá, entre las cuales se encuentran los dos rectores de nuestras máximas casas de estudio (U. de Panamá y U. Sta. María la Antigua) y otras autoridades locales, por "una excelente labor de investigación...convirtiendo dicho instituto en el más reputado centro de investigación marina en el trópico; contribuyendo así con genuino interés al establecimiento de importantes programas de becas, bolsas de viaje y de trabajo para jóvenes científicos..."

In a private award ceremony on June 18, in the office of the Panamanian Health Minister, STRI director Dr. Ira Rubinoфф received the National Order of "Vasco Nuñez de Balboa" for his "excellent research work...converting STRI into the most well-known center of marine research in the tropics; contributing thus with genuine interest in the establishment of important fellowship programs, travel grants, and work for young Latin American scientists..." The award of this prestigious medal was recommended by distinguished Panamanian authorities; the decree was signed by the President of Panama on March 20, 1987.

NEW BABY GIRL

Audrey Smith gave birth to a healthy baby girl on June 6 at 10:25 a.m. in the hospital. Her name is Vanessa Nicole and she weighed 7.2 lbs. The baby pool was won by Nancy Knowlton, with the closest bet.
SEMINAR SCHEDULE

The schedule of the STRI scientific noon seminars is listed below for your information.

If you would like to give a seminar after the dates listed, we suggest you sign up as soon as possible. Persons interested in giving seminars before August 25, please consult Neal Smith or Vielka Vergel.

June 23 Paul Weldon
Texas A&M
"The chemical recognition of predators"

June 30 Robert Dudley,
Postdoc - STRI
"Kinematics, Aerodynamics and Energetics of insects in flight"

July 6 Special Monday Seminar - David C. Duffy
Universidad Nacional de Heredia, Costa Rica
Subject: 3000 kilometers of Chilean Coast.
Abstract: An Analysis of the ecology of Humbolt and Magellanic Penguins in and outside supposed sympatry.

July 7 Robert Warner
Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
"The roles of mate choice, resource assessment, and traditionality in the mating system of a coral reef fish"

July 14 Michael J. Ryan
The University of Texas at Austin
"Sexual selection for alleles that determine body size and the evolution of mating asymmetries in mordkites"

July 15 Hermann Remmert, Phillips Univ. at Marburg, West Germany
"Spitsbergen and South Georgia - the ecological comparison between the Arctic and the Antarctic"

July 21

July 28 Randy Olson
Harbor Branch, Oceanographic Institution Inc.
"Do larval processes control de population biology of the crown-of-thorns starfish Acanthaster planci?"

August 4

August 11 Marie Dominique Irvine
Stanford University, California
"A regional look at resource managements by the Rina Indians of the Ecuadorian Amazon"

Aug. 18 Sue Williams - STRI
"A Taste of Malaysia: A quick trip on the east coast of peninsula Malaysia"

Aug. 25

The real reason dinosaurs became extinct