The noon seminar on Tuesday, DECEMBER 15, will be given by ANDREW PULLIN from the University of Leeds. His subject: Life History Strategies of Urtica dioica and its Associated Nymphalid Butterflies.

ABSTRACT: The stinging nettle, Urtica dioica has become a common, and often the most "apparent", plant of disturbed grazing habitats in northern and western Europe. It is defended by stinging trichomes but otherwise is very nutritious and has a large and diverse insect fauna. The associated nymphalid butterflies exhibit a range of life history strategies and their evolutionary considerations in the light of changes in distribution and abundance of the host plant.

THAT EVENING at 7 p.m. the monthly scientific staff seminar will be given by HARIS LESSIOS, who will speak on "Mass Mortality and Subsequent Population Dynamics of Diaemus antillatum". Snacks will be available as usual at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT WEEK
The noon seminar on Tuesday, December 22, will be given by MITCH AIDE from the University of Utah. He will speak on: Leaf Productivity, Insect Herbivory, and Evolution of Plant Phenologies.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

December 14 - Arriving, WILLIAM DAVIS, from the University of Texas at Austin, to continue his study on the evolution of sex roles and mating strategies in kingfishers. He will be at Portobelo until June.

December 14 - Arriving, DAVID ERHART, to work on BCI on Dr. A. Smith's project for 4 days.

December 16 - Arriving, KATIE SIEVING, from the University of Illinois, to continue her study on the effects of insularization in a tropical forest avifauna. She will be at BCI and Gamboa until August.

December 17 - Arriving, PAUL CARBER, from the University of Illinois, to work with D. Rasmussen on the feeding ecology of the Panamanian tamarin. He will be at Agua Clara, Gatun, until February.

December 18 - Arriving, DIANE DE STEVEN and MARGARET KUCHENREUTHER, from the University of Wisconsin, to study the dynamics of tropical tree seed production. They will be on BCI until January 15.

SEMINAR NEWS

Plans to change the time of the Tuesday noon seminar have been postponed indefinitely due to scheduling difficulties.

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REMEMBER

December 15, at 9:30 a.m., is the monthly scientific staff meeting.

FERS CONVERSION OPEN SEASON

You are reminded that the open season for conversion to the new Federal Retirement System (FERS) runs through December 31. Each eligible STRI employee should have received (1) a FERS transfer handbook, (2) an election of coverage form, and (3) a request form for Social Security earnings' history. If you think you are eligible and have not received these items, please call C. Sucre.

FROM THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION

As part of the ongoing public education program of this office, Jorge Ventocilla will be giving two talks on STRI history and activities. On Monday, at 4 p.m. in the Ancon Conference Room, the talk will be given to members of A.N.C.O.N., Fundación PANAMA, INRENA and others. STRI personnel is invited to attend. On Tuesday, at 9 a.m. in the INRENARE offices, the talk will be presented to heads of departments and other invited guests.

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