SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, May 30, noon seminar speaker will be JAIME ESPINOSA Instituto de Investigación Agropecuaria de Panamá (IDIAAP).

Pesticides en el Ambiente Panameño.

Abstract: El efecto tóxico de los agroquímicos, los pesticidas y diversas sustancias de empleo en la actualidad es variable y varía según el momento, el medio, la dosis y la especie biótica en contacto con éstas. A los pesticidas es muy susceptible la vida acuática, pero otras formas de vida terrestre o aérea pueden ser de alta sensibilidad. El manejo y el volumen de pesticidas que terminan cada año en el ambiente panameño son motivo de ser consideración.

NEXT WEEK
Tuesday, June 6, noon seminar speaker will be HECTOR GUZMAN, Oil Spill Project.

Fates and Effects of an Oil Spill on Panamanian Coral Reefs.

ARRIVALS
May 26, TIMOTHY COLLINS, Cornell University, on a Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellowship to study rates of molecular evolution in marine gastropods.

DEPARTURES
May 21 - June 17, HARIS LESSIOS, to attend the 4th International Conference on Environmental Quality and Ecosystem Stability in Israel, and then on vacation in Greece.

May 21 - 28, ROSS ROBERTSON, to attend the 13th Annual Larval Fish Conference of the American Fisheries Society in Mérida, México.


THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN OPEN SEASON

Who is eligible to participate in this open season? Federal employees who are in either the CSRS or FERS retirement system and who have already have a Thrift account and do not plan contributions at any time.

Employees wishing to begin, change, or reallocate their TSP contributions, should fill our form TSP-1. Employees may stop their contributions at any time.

There is a small supply of booklets and forms in the Personnel Office at Tivoli, for any interested employees.

MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY
Monday, May 29, is Memorial Day, a STRI holiday.

1989 U.S. SAVINGS BONDS CAMPAIGN
The 1989 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign will run from May 22 through June 9, 1989. The secretaries at each facility will have booklets and authorization cards available for all interested employees. All full/part-time Federal and Trust Fund employees are eligible to participate. If you have any questions regarding the program or material, please call Carmen Suarez at Tivoli.

A WARM WELCOME
EDGARDO MARAVI, STRI Development Officer, has begun work at the Smithsonian. His office is temporarily in the International Center until renovation work is completed on the new STRI office in the Arts and Industries Building. We wish him a warm welcome to the STRI community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PROCUREMENT
SI-4
We wish to clarify the announcement made in last week’s Newsletter regarding requisition form SI-4. The requestor should retain the last two copies of the standard set for their files, i.e. one copy for the facility secretary, and the other copy for the requestor’s file. The rest can be submitted for processing.

Mail
The backlog of incoming and outgoing mail thru APO Postal System is now normalized. Mail arrival and departure is back on a regular basis, thru Howard APB. Express Mail is still unavailable.

CONFERENCE EN INRENARE
Como parte del ciclo de conferencias en INRENARE, JEANNE ZEH y YOLANDA CAMARRA dictarán una charla el 31 de mayo titulada—

HISTORIA NATURAL DE PSEUDOESCORPIONES DEL PARQUE NACIONAL SOBERANIA.

NEW APPOINTMENTS
Smithsonian Institution Libraries
BARBARA SMITH has been appointed new director of St Libraries. As head of the Smithsonian’s 21-branch library, Dr. Smith will oversee the work of 110 staff members and a collection of more than 1 million volumes. Dr. Smith comes to the Smithsonian from Pennsylvania State University, where she has served as Assistant Dean of Libraries for the past seven years.

Gorgias Memorial Laboratory (G.M.L.)
RICHARD N. ROSSAN has recently been appointed new director of the G.M.L., succeeding Dr. Reeves. Dr. Rossan was previously in charge of the Night Monkey (Aotus) Program at G.M.L.
ELECTROPHORESIS LABORATORY

A new starch gel protein electrophoresis laboratory, located at the Naos Marine Facility, opened in January 1989 as part of the Molecular Evolution Program at STRI. Seen in the photo is Lee Weigt, in charge of day-to-day operations in the lab. (Photo by C. Hansen.)

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER WANTED

The Asociacion Nacional para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza (ANCON) is looking for a full time Communications Officer. In the past, ANCON's communications program has included a $400,000 T.V. and radio membership campaign; the publication of a quarterly newsletter and a 16 page special newsletter (published in January 1989 as a special supplement to La Estrella de Panama); periodic press releases, press conferences and presentations; and the writing and editing of proposals and reports.

SKILLS REQUIRED: Totally bilingual English/Spanish; excellent writing ability in English; good writing ability in Spanish; interested in nature and conservation.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Oversee ANCON's entire communications effort. Design and implement ANCON's Newsletter, in both Spanish and English. Write and edit proposals in Spanish and English. Write press releases in both languages. Edit English correspondence. Translate articles and general information to and from English and Spanish.

SALARY: Starting salary according to experience and capabilities.

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