

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, May 30, noon seminar speaker will be JAIME ESPINOSA Instituto de Investigación Agropecuaria de Panamá (IDIAP).

Pesticidas 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 seria 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.

May 26 - June 10, IRA RUBINOFF, to Washington, D.C. and Cambridge, Mass., on official business.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN OPEN SEASON

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season begins May 15, 1989 and runs through July 31, 1989.

Who is eligible to participate in this open season? Federal employees who are in either the CSRS or FERS retirement system and who have been working with the Federal government since December 31, 1988 or before.

What's new this open season? The open season booklet contains information which is not included in previous booklets. Employees are advised to read the new booklet, even if they already have a Thrift account and do not plan to make any changes this open season.

Employees wishing to begin, change, or re-allocate 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 Sucre 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 PROCUREMENTSI-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 AFB. Express Mail is still unavailable.

CONFERENCIA EN INRENARE

Como parte del ciclo de conferencias en INRENARE, JEANNE ZEH y YOLANDA GAMARRA dictarán una charla el 31 de mayo titulada--

Historia Natural de Pseudoescorpiones del Parque Nacional Soberanía.

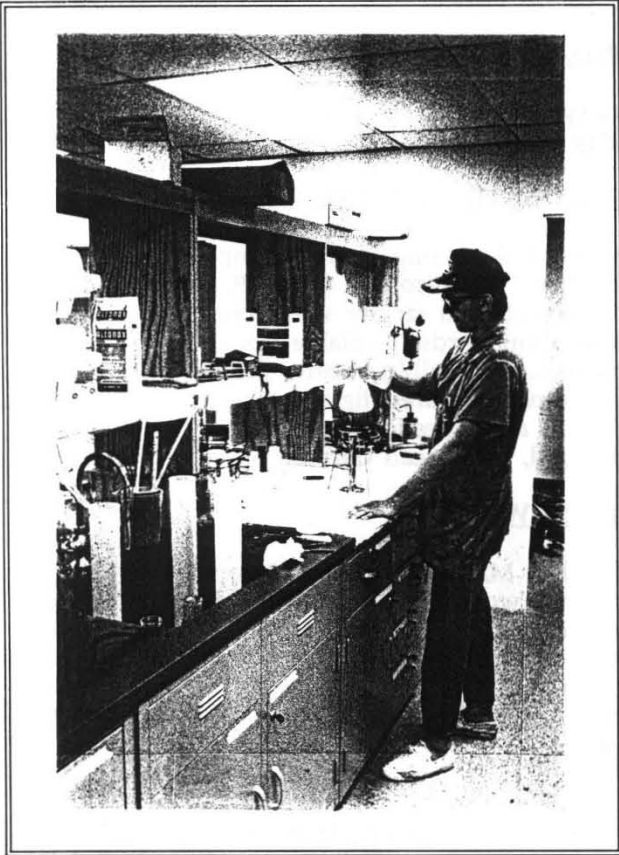
NEW APPOINTMENTSSmithsonian Institution Libraries

BARBARA SMITH has been appointed new director of SI 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.

Gorgas 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

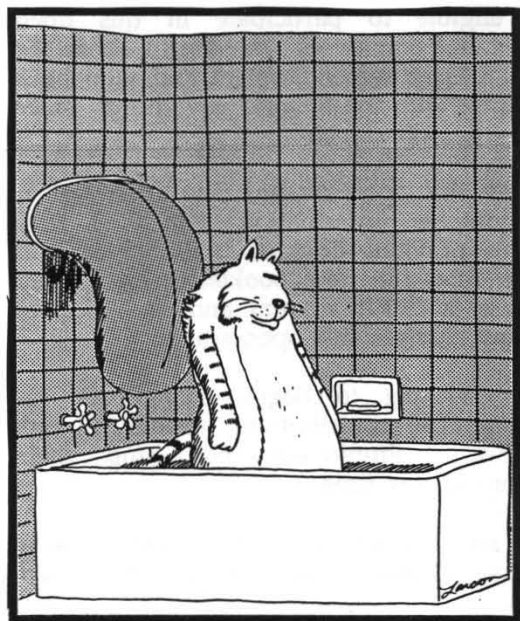
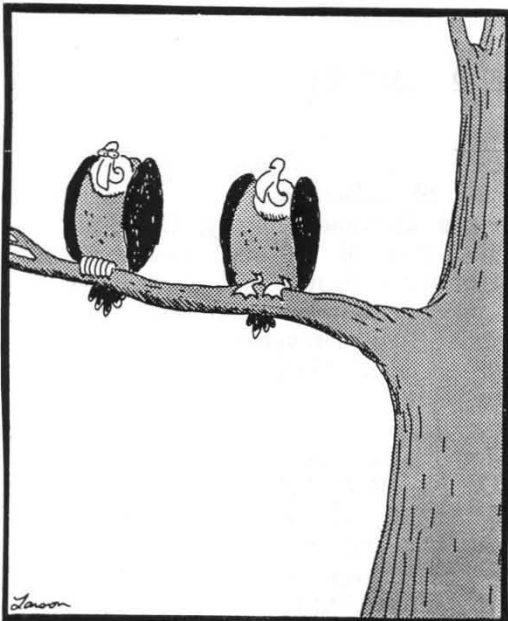
The Asociacion Nacional para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza (ANCON) is looking for a full time Communications Officer. In the past, ANCON's communications program has included a \$400,000 T.V. and radio membership campaign; the publication of a quarterly newsletter and a 16 page special newsletter (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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