

STRI NEWSSPEAKER WANTED

Mrs. Angela Prackett from the Valent Recreation Center, Fort Clayton has called on several occasions about the possibility of having someone from STRI give a lecture (at 7 p.m.) on any aspect of Panamanian wildlife. If anyone is interested in doing so, please contact Georgina de Alba at the Tivoli. (The speaker can choose the date.)

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, March 25th, will be given by Deadra McClearn, Harvard University, who will speak on:

"Locomotion and use of the forepaws in the raccoon family, Procyonidae"

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

March 23 - Arriving Ms. Ilse Berzins, Univ. of California, Berkeley, to work for Dr. Roy Caldwell on his project: "Aggressive behavior in stomatopod crustaceans". Ms. Berzins will be at Galeta for 6 months.

March 24 - Leaving Dr. Egbert Leigh on a seminar tour of various cities/universities of the U.S. He will also be on leave part of the time. Dr. Leigh is expected back at the end of June.

March 28 - Arriving Ms. Grace Tilger, American Museum of Natural History, to collect snakes, frogs and lizards in Veraguas. Ms. Tilger will be in Panama for 2 weeks.

March 28 - Leaving Dr. Haris Lessios, to attend the Benthic Ecology Meetings in Williamsburg, Virginia, to visit the SI, and to consult with colleagues in New Haven. Dr. Lessios is expected back on April 9th.

LOST

10 x 50 Carl Zeiss binoculars in brown leather case, with STRI serial # 108531. If found, please contact Dr. Neal Smith at Ancon, 52-2485.

VOLUNTEERS/ASSISTANTS AVAILABLE

Migdalia Martinez, a first year student at the University of Panama would like to acquire some experience by working as a volunteer for someone at STRI. She is available to work from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS/ASSISTANTS AVAILABLE (CONT.)

Amalia Herrera, a graduate from the Univ. of Panama, who specialized in Zoology is interested in working as an assistant to one of the scientists at STRI. She has worked at the Marine Biology Laboratory of the University and has had field work experience also in marine biology.

If you are interested in having either Ms. Martinez or Ms. Herrera work for you, or would like more information as to their qualifications, you may contact G. de Alba at 52-5669.

PET REGISTRATION

As you may have read in the U.S. Southern Command, The Spillway or the Announcement #3 from the STRI Office of Conservation, RENARE has passed a resolution that you must register all wild animals kept in captivity as pets. (This excludes dogs, cats, domestic farm animals, as well as laboratory animals.) The pets must be registered by April 30th, and the registration forms are now available at the STRI Office of Conservation.

HAVE YOU SEEN ANY MANATEES LATELY?

Dr. Gene Montgomery is coordinating records of sightings of manatees in Gatun Lake. If you happen to see a manatee, please note as many useful details as possible (where, when, etc) and send this information to Dr. Montgomery at Ancon.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Carl B. Koford, former director of the Canal Zone Biological Area, died Dec. 3rd, 1979. The Carl B. Koford Memorial Fund has been established, and proceeds from the fund will be used to sponsor field research on vertebrates in accordance with the wishes of Dr. Koford. Donations may be sent to the fund in care of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Dr. Koford was most widely known for his study of the California Condor.

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*Dr. William D'Arcy, Missouri Botanical Garden has arrived and will be at STRI until the 25th of April.