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SEMINARS

Tupper Center

Tuesday, December 12, noon seminar speaker is Egbert Leigh, STRI staff scientist.

Trees on small islands of Gatun Lake.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, December 19, noon seminar speaker is Thomas J. Smith, University of Florida. Title to be announced.

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Arrived last week, **Juan Diego Lopez G.**, Colombia, to work with H. Lessios for a year.
- December 13 - January 3, 1990, **Robin Andrews**, Virginia Polytechnic & State University, to continue ESP project on population dynamics of vertebrates of tropical forest undergrowth.

Departures

- December 12 - 20, **Stanley Rand**, STRI scientist, on official business to the University of Texas and to the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.
- December 9 - 22, **David Roubik**, STRI scientist, to attend the 1st Latin American Ecology Congress in Montevideo, Uruguay, and to visit the Catholic University in Valparaiso, Chile.
- December 9 - January 4, 1990, **Donald Windsor**, STRI scientist, to attend the meetings of the Entomological Society of America, then to Indiana for the holidays.
- December 12 - 26, **Robin Foster**, STRI scientist, to Washington, D.C. and then to Chicago on official business.
- December 13 - 22, **Jeremy Jackson**, to Marseille, France, to attend meetings of the International Society for Reef Studies.
- December 12 - January 7, 1990, **Eric Fischer**, STRI deputy director, to Washington, D.C., Boston, and Seattle on official business and for the holidays.

REMINDER



The STRI Christmas Party will be this coming Friday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m. on the Tivoli grounds. All STRI is invited; an official in-house tour of the new Tupper Center will take place during the party. Remember to bring your donation for the poor.

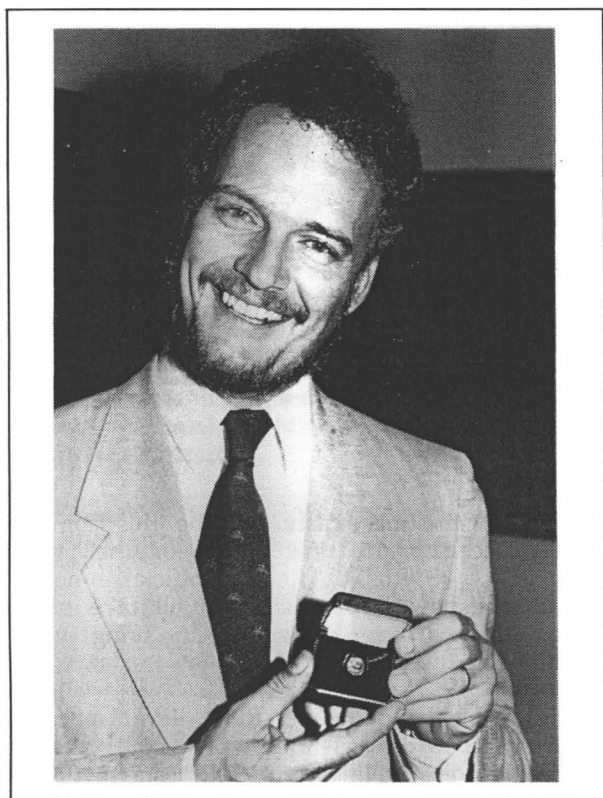
La Fiesta de Navidad de STRI se llevará a cabo este viernes, 15 de diciembre, a las 4:00 p.m., en los predios de Tivoli. Todo STRI está invitado; se está programando una visita guiada por el nuevo Centro Tupper para todos los empleados durante la fiesta. No se olviden de traer su donación para los pobres.

On Leave

Gloria Maggiori
Francisco Rivera
Argelis Roman

December 13 - 29
December 15 - 29
December 15 - 26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**10-yr. Pin / 10 Años en STRI**

Dr. David Roubik received his STRI 10-year pin immediately following his seminar on Africanized bees for STRI employees, on Friday, December 1. During the ceremony, Dr. Rubinoff praised his collaboration with local health authorities during the "invasion" by Africanized bees.

Dr. David Roubik recibió un recordatorio por sus 10 años en STRI en una ceremonia inmediatamente después de su charla para los empleados del Instituto, el viernes, 1ero de diciembre. El Dr. Rubinoff alabó su trabajo con las autoridades panameñas de la salud durante la "invasión" de las abejas africanizadas.

New Librarian / Nueva Bibliotecaria

The Smithsonian Institution Libraries (SIL) has appointed **Vielka I. Chang-Yau** to the position of Chief Librarian, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) Branch, beginning December 4. Ms. Chang-Yau is a Panamanian citizen with wide experience in the fields of information storage and retrieval. She has served as National Director of Technical Information and Training at the Institute of Agricultural Research in Panama since 1985, and is a member of Panamanian, inter-American and international associations of librarians and documentalists. She has written several reports on agricultural information. Ms. Chang-Yau was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree by Keuka College in New York where she majored in Biology with minor fields in zoology, botany and ecology. She earned a Master's of Arts degree in Communications for Social Development at the University of Chicago.

Desde el 4 de diciembre, **Vielka I. Chang-Yau** ha sido nombrada Bibliotecaria del Instituto Smithsonian de Investigaciones Tropicales (STRI). Vielka Chang-Yau tiene amplia experiencia en los campos de almacenamiento y recobro de información. Ha trabajado como directora de Información Técnica y Entrenamiento en el I.D.I.A.P. desde 1985. Es miembro de diversas asociaciones panameñas, interamericanas e internacionales, y ha escrito varios informes sobre el campo de la informativa agropecuaria. Obtuvo su licenciatura en biología en Keuka College, Nueva York, y una maestría en comunicaciones para el desarrollo social en la Universidad de Chicago.

Renewed Library Service

Beginning this month, the STRI Office in Washington, D.C. will send a copy of the personnel placement ads advertising scientific positions, published weekly by the journal *Science*, to the STRI Library via fax. We apologize for the interruption in this service.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Programa "Lo Que Estamos Haciendo"

En un esfuerzo por dar a conocer las actividades de nuestros investigadores a los empleados permanentes, tanto de administración como de mantenimiento, las Oficinas de Educación y Personal comenzaron un nuevo programa de charlas por investigadores del STRI el pasado mes de noviembre.

Deseamos también brindar esta oportunidad a los empleados bajo contrato **que se interesen en participar** en el programa. Las actividades se llevarán a cabo los últimos viernes del mes a las 3:30 p.m.; el programa cuenta con el apoyo de la dirección y los supervisores de cada departamento. Favor comunicarse con la Oficina de Educación y Conservación (Tel: 62-2014) para recibir un cuestionario de participación.

From the Visitor's Office

As announced in our September 8 Newsletter, the preparation of statements and receipts of payment for charges incurred at STRI has been transferred to the Accounting Department. Since early September, Ms. Flor Carvallo, the STRI cashier, has been receiving all payments. Her regular schedule is from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., except on paydays when she begins and ends half an hour later. Please remember to accompany your payments with a copy of the bill or statement being paid.

The preparation of the statements has now been transferred to Mr. Luis Polanco, in Accounting. He will be sending these statements out the first week of each month, as was previously done by Gloria Maggiori. Any problems should be referred to him, effective today.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and to remind you to pay your bills as promptly as possible.

MISCELLANY

Assistants Available

DOUGLAS CALL graduates December 1989 with a M.S. degree in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University, CA, and would like to gain experience in tropical ecology. He will be available for work between 1 Feb. - 30 July 1990; he can pay for transportation costs, but needs food and housing. Mr. Call has had research field experience with birds and mammals, and experience in data management and statistical analysis. (1536 Reasor Rd, McKinleyville, CA 95521, Tel: 707-839-4201)

ALDEN MICHAEL DOYLE is interested in working as a field assistant. He has a BS in biology from Tulane University (May 1989), and graduated with honors with a concentration in molecular and organismal biology. He is fluent in Spanish (has traveled extensively in Costa Rica) and has computer skills. (#3 Dogwood Circle, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, Tel: 505-986-9242)

ROGER MIRANDA is interested in volunteer work, with plants and ecology in general. He has a B.S. in agronomical forestry engineering from Mexico, and is bilingual (English/Spanish). If interested, contact the STRI Personnel Office.

MANUEL ROBLETO is a first-year biology student at the University of Panama, and is interested in doing volunteer field work on BCI or at Naos. If interested, call 20-3686 or 25-3676.

Information Needed

In August of this year, Claudia Romero, a biologist with INDERENA in Colombia, witnessed massive mortality in pelicans off the Caribbean coast of Colombia, from Cartagena to the Guajira. She dissected several specimens but was unable to diagnose cause of death. She is requesting information on whether a similar event occurred in Panamá, and/or information on causes of such events elsewhere. (INDERENA, Apartado 2674, Barranquilla, Colombia)

CULTURAL CALENDAR CALENDARIO CULTURAL

Concerts / Conciertos

Three members of the STRI community (Elizabeth Leigh, Kirsten Duke, Eric Fischer) are lending their voices to a free performance of excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 10, at 7 p.m. in the Balboa High School Auditorium, behind the fire station. There will even be some STRI soloists (of the intentional kind). This may be your only chance this Christmas season to hear your favorite arias and choruses, performed live by people you know.

La Peña de los Miercoles presenta el Grupo Clavo y Canela. Miércoles, 13 de diciembre, Teatro La Cúpula.

Fairs / Ferias

An AMIGA and ATARI Christmas Computer Fair will take place on Saturday, December 9, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the PCC Training Center. They will have demonstrations, information, music, prizes and food.

Theater / Teatro

The Theatre Guild of Ancon presents a Quinn/Norman Production "M. BUTTERFLY" of David Henry Hwang with Leo Wiznitzer and Mandy Him. Directed by Bruce Quinn, produced by Susan Norman. 8:00 p.m., November 17 - December 9.

Teatro en Circulo presenta "NAPOLI MILLONARIA" de Eduardo de Filippo. Producción de Teresa de Lavitola. 8:00 p.m., 9 de noviembre - 10 de diciembre.

Movies and Video / Cine y Video

El Teatro La Cupula presenta videos en pantalla gigante: "BESAME MUCHO". Lunes, 11 de diciembre. "LA DAMA DEL CINE SHANGHAI". Lunes, 18 de diciembre.

