

STRI newsletter

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SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, Apartado 2072, Balboa, Panamá

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SEMINARS

Tupper Center Auditorium

Tuesday, July 31, no noon seminar scheduled.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, August 7, noon seminar speaker will be Ryk Ward, Dept. of Human Genetics, University of Utah.

Mitochondrial diversity in the New World: molecular clues to the origin and antiquity of Amerindian populations.

Barro Colorado Island

Sunday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m., Pierre Michel Forget, STRI postdoctoral fellow, will talk on "Seed dispersal by caviomorph rodents; the *Virola* - birds/monkeys - agoutis interface and the consequences on tree diversity". Non-BCI residents wishing to attend should notify Maritza or Gloria at 52-2124.

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Vololoniaina Jeannoda, Service de Botanique, Madagascar, July 30 - August 29, to study the architecture of plants on Barro Colorado Island.
- Katherine Milton, University of California, Berkeley, August 3 - 13, to work on population dynamics of howler monkeys and spider monkeys on BCI.

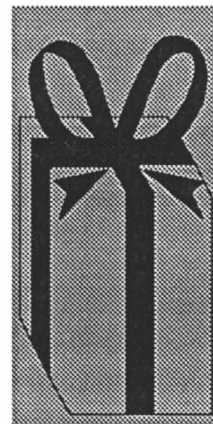
Departures

- ◆ July 28 - August 18, Norman Duke, Oil Spill Project, to attend the AIBS Conference in Richmond, VA. He will also visit colleagues at the University of Miami, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Smithsonian Institution.
- ◆ August 1 - 8, Mercedes Arroyo, head of

Procurement Department, and Carlos Urbina, budget analyst, to attend the Appropriation Law Seminar and consult with various persons at the Smithsonian Institution.

◆ August 2 - September 13, David Roubik, STRI scientist, to attend the 5th International Congress of Ecology in Yohohamma, Japan. He will also visit colleagues at institutions in Bangalore and Bombay, India, and in Brunei, Malaysia.

August Birthdays at STRI



Fischer, Eric	1
Roqueiro, Juan Carlos	1
Lombardo, Elena	4
Windsor, Donald	4
Hernández, Alejandro	6
Bonilla, Carlos	7
Cargill, Arturo	8
Lam, Erick	9
Robertson, D. Ross	13
Polanco, Luis	13
Mann, Lidia	17
Epailey, Marcel	18
Eberhard, Mary Jane	20
Herrera, Amalia	25
Rivera, Francisco	30

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 1*, Proposals for FY 1990 Restricted Endowment Funds due in Dr. Hoffmann's office.
- August 15*, Founding of Old Panama City. Banks and government offices will close.
- August 15*, Deadline for receipt of applications for STRI fellowships and assistantships this quarter.
- August 26 - September 1*, Symposium on *Non-imperial politics in the lands visited by Columbus on his four voyages to the New World* in the Tupper Conference Center.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Reminder from Accounting

Beginning *August 1*, you should use the following alternatives for cashing checks drawn on U.S. banks:

The Panama Canal Commission (PCC) Treasurer's Office has already been cashing checks drawn on U.S. banks up to \$200 without charging any fee.

The Chase Manhattan Bank has agreed to cash checks drawn on U.S. banks for higher amounts if the payee pays a small fee which varies depending on the amount of the check. This service will be provided for STRI personnel in the Chase, *Balboa Branch* only. Please, do not try to cash your checks in any other branch.

- Please keep in mind that your STRI ID card will be required by either the PCC or the Chase cashier.
- We remind you that neither the PCC nor the Chase will cash third-party checks.

Thanks!

To everyone for help, support & cookies after our automobile acrobatics.

-Rachel Levin & Robinne Weiss

STRI Mini-Bookstore News

Announcing new hours:

9:00 - 12:00 a.m.

1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

For Sale

- Toyota Corolla 1988, white, A.C., good condition. \$6,000. If interested call Mercedes Arosemena (28-4022).
- Nissan Sunny 1985, A.C., runs great. \$3,800. If interested call Ernesto Weil (28-4060).

Lo Que Estamos Haciendo

Este mes la charla para empleados tendrá lugar hoy viernes, 27 de julio, a las 3:30 p.m., en el Salón de Conferencias del Centro Tupper. La conferencia "Como Se Forman Las Especies" será dictada por la Dra. Nancy Knowlton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anuncios en la Hoja Informativa

Aquellas personas que estén interesadas en formar grupos para actividades fuera de la horas regulares de trabajo (tales como clubes de ajedrez, baile, etc.) se les invita a que envíen sus anuncios para ser publicados en la hoja informativa de STRI.

Congresses / Congresos

• Second International Symposium on Advanced Technology in Natural Resource Management
Georgetown University Conference Center
Washington, D.C.

November 12 - 15, 1990

• II Congreso Latinoamericano de Herpetología
Facultad de Ciencias
Universidad de los Andes

Mérida, Venezuela

Octubre de 1990

• La Fundación Panamericana para el Desarrollo (FUDAP) tiene el agrado de anunciar el 4to Foro Internacional de Intercambio de Recursos CONTACT 90 para representantes de organizaciones no gubernamentales y agencias de desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe. El Foro se llevará a cabo en la ciudad de Miami del 1 al 5 de octubre de 1990, en el Hotel Omni.

La Agenda para CONTACT 90 incluirá--

Presentaciones por parte de las organizaciones:

- Medio ambiente y reforestación
- Desarrollo de la comunidad
- Servicios de la salud y del SIDA
- Pequeñas y micro empresas
- Educación y entrenamiento
- Ayuda en desastres y reconstrucción
- Servicios voluntarios
- Mujeres en el desarrollo

Capacitación en áreas de:

- Planeamiento y desarrollo de proyectos
- Recaudación de fondos
- Crítica de propuestas

Oportunidad de establecer contactos.

Sesiones informales para establecer contactos:

- Oportunidad para presentaciones audiovisuales
- Exposición y distribución de material informativo

Reuniones por países y áreas subregionales.

Felicitaciones!

A nuestra compañera de trabajo, Flor Carvallo, cajera en Tivoli, por el premio recibido en el concurso *Panamá, Color, Diseño y Moda* el 12 de julio en el Hotel Marriot. La Srta. Carvallo fue premiada en la categoría "Ropa de Oficina".

British Aid Society

At the invitation of Saint Andrews Society, the Anglo-Panamanian Cultural Society and the British Aid Society have come together to sponsor a joint event in honour of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's 90th birthday.

This event will take the form of a dinner dance and will be held at the Sociedad Española de Beneficencia on Saturday, August 4th, at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Scholarship Programme of the Anglo-American Cultural Society and the old people in the care of the British Aid Society.

Tickets (\$25 each) include dinner and dancing, Scottish dancing alternating with Latin music provided by Lucho Azcarraga, and can be obtained by calling Elizabeth Borer at 64-1751.

Travel Opportunities

Interested in working as a volunteer during your vacation? **Turtles of Tortuguero** has a volunteer research program in Costa Rica. Schools, zoos, conservation organizations are encouraged to form exclusive group departures. **Leatherbacks nesting and hatchling research**, March-June; **Tagging green sea turtles on the beaches of Tortuguero**, July-September. Contact: Massachusetts Audubon Society, Natural History Travel, Lincoln, MA 01773.

STRI LIBRARY NEW BOOK LIST

Atlas of alien and translocated indigenous aquatic animals in southern Africa (IJ De Moor & MN Bruton, 1988) **QL141.D43 1988 STRI.**

The Bees and aculeate wasps of the Galapagos Islands (FX Williams, 1926) **QL567.3.E2W55 1926 STRI.**

A Bibliography of the Membracolea and fossil Homoptera (Homoptera: Auchenorrhyncha) (ZP Metcalf & V. Wade, 1963) **Z5858.H7M58b 1963 STRI.**

Biological effects of effluent from a desalination plant at Key West, Florida (WD Clarke et al., 1970) **QH545.S33C53X 1970 STRI.**

The Biology of the Muscidae of the world (P. Skidmore, 1985) **QL537.M8S55 1985X STRI.**

The Birds of the Galapagos Islands : with observations on the birds of Cocos and Clipperton Islands (Columbiformes to Pelecaniformes) (EW Gifford, 1913) **QL689.E2G54 1913 STRI.**

The Butterflies and hawk-moths of the Galapagos Islands (FX Williams, 1911) **QL554.E2W55 1911 STRI.**

Dermaptera and orthoptea (M. Hebard, 1920) **QL510.3.F6H43 1920 STRI.**

Early Pliocene benthic foraminifers from the Salina Basin, southeastern Mexico (B. Kohl, 1985) **QE772.K79 1985 STRI.**

The Ecological effects of shifting cultivation on tropical forest ecosystems and their significance on reforestation and rehabilitation in Sarawak (HS Lee, 1981) **SD409.L44 1981 STRI.**

The geckos of the Galapagos Islands (J. Van Denburgh, 1912) **QL666.L245V36 1912 STRI.**

Hydrobiological observations in Surinam with special reference to the man-made Brokopondo Lake (P. Leentvaar, 1974) **QH125.6.L48 1975 STRI.**

Islands in a far sea : nature and man in Hawaii (JL Culliney, 1988) **QH198.H3C85 1988X STRI.**

Notes on the lichens of the Galapagos Islands (A. Stewart, 1912) **QK588.4.E2S74 1912 STRI.**

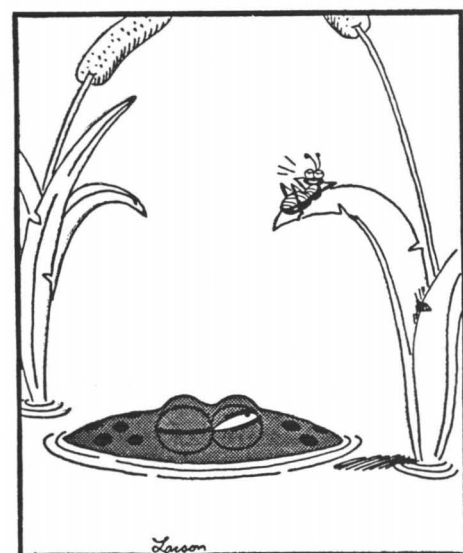
Recopilacion de los informes presentados por los estudiantes : primer curso de campo en ecologia tropical (Curso de Campo en Ecologia Tropical (1st : 1984 : Universidad de Panama), 1984) **QH541.2.C97 1984 STRI.**

Seed source establishment and tree improvement project, Saba, Malaysia : variation in *Acacia mangium* wild : based on the work of L. Pedley. **SD397.M23S44 1982 STRI.**

Sistemas de cultivo en Pespire, sur de Honduras : un enfoque de agroecosistemas (BR DeWalt ... (et al.), 1984) **HD1491.H8D49 1984 STRI.**

The Snakes of the Galapagos Islands (J. Van Denburgh, 1912) **QL666.06V36 1912 STRI.**

Humor



"Ahhhh...lifel"

From the Personnel Office

Civilization is just a slow process of learning to be kind. Anonymous

De la Oficina de Personal

Civilizarse es sólo un lento proceso de aprender a ser amable. Anónimo



Thoughtfulness (A trait that promotes comradeship)

The spacious roadside park adjacent to an interstate highway contained attractive picnic areas, convenient drinking fountains and clean restroom facilities. The Texas Highway Department obviously had thought of everything, including appropriate accommodations for travel-weary pets: two bright red fireplugs.

Thoughtfulness comes in many forms, and it is virtually always welcomed by its recipients. Thoughtfulness is a habit - a way of life well worth cultivating and practicing.

The thoughtful person is quick to pay a well-deserved compliment, or to send a prompt note of congratulations to someone who has received a promotion, an honor, or special recognition.

Thoughtful people park a bit farther from the entrance of the store or the post office, leaving the nearer space for someone who doesn't get around as easily as they once did.

The thoughtful person takes photographs of his neighbors' homes when they have a beautiful tree in full bloom, and later surprises those friends with the cherished snapshots.

Thoughtful people don't wait for opportunities - they imaginatively create numerous opportunities to make life brighter, smoother, and more enjoyable for those about them.

Our thoughtful attitudes and generous deeds can make many people happy including ourselves.

A thoughtful wife is one who has the pork chops ready when her husband comes home from a fishing trip.

Hasta la próxima!

Consideración (Una cualidad que fomenta la camaradería.)

El anchuroso parque en el camino adyacente a una carretera interestatal, ofrecía atractivas áreas para picnics, convenientes fuentes para tomar agua, y sanitarios limpios. Era evidente que el Departamento de Carreteras de Texas había pensado en todo, incluyendo instalaciones apropiadas para las cansadas mascotas: dos flamantes hidrantes pintados de rojo brillante.

La consideración viene en variadas formas, y casi siempre es bienvenida por los que la reciben. La consideración es un hábito - un modo de vida que bien vale la pena cultivar y practicar.

La persona considerada siempre está dispuesta a rendir un merecido elogio, o a enviar con presteza una nota de felicitación a alguien que ha recibido un ascenso, una honorificación, o algún reconocimiento especial.

La gente considerada se estaciona un poco mas lejos de la entrada del almacén o del correo, dejando el espacio más cómodo para alguien que ya no pueda moverse con la facilidad que antes tenía.

La persona considerada es la que toma fotografías de las casas de sus vecinos cuando tienen un hermoso árbol lleno de flores, y sorprenden después a los amigos con unas lindas fotos.

La gente considerada no espera que las oportunidades lleguen - con imaginación, ellos las crean, para hacer la vida más luminosa, más suave y más agradable para aquellos que tengan a su alrededor.

Nuestras actitudes consideradas y actos generosos pueden brindar felicidad a mucha gente - incluyéndonos a nosotros mismos.

Una esposa considerada es aquella que tiene las chuletas listas cuando el esposo regresa a casa después de un viaje de pesca.

Hasta la próxima!

