GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

On Tuesday, January 5th, STRI broke ground to begin the construction of its new library, adjacent to its administrative offices on the Tivoli site. U.S. Ambassador Hon. Ambler Moss, Jr., Panama's Minister of Health, Dr. Jorge Medrano and Dr. Ira Rubinoff and Dr. Carol Jopling from STRI officiated at the ceremony.

The new 450 m$^2$ library building was designed by Architect Edwin Brown and is to be constructed by the firm of Vladimir De la Rosa. The new building, which will house the library's complete collection with room for it to grow, is expected to be completed before the end of 1982. Construction will begin on Monday, January 11.

AMNESTY DECLARED

(To celebrate ground-breaking for new library building.)

Library gains ground through ground-breaking, but collections lose ground due to ban on purchases imposed in November and outbreak of "unrecorded borrowings". Particularly serious instances of the latter are the following: the removal of all pages concerning Panama and STRI from The Directory of Caribbean Marine Research Centres; the disappearance of issues of Science and other important journals which requires their replacement with expenditures of $25 for each issue. Urgent return of all such "borrowings" urgently requested---no questions asked.

SEMINAR NEWS

On Tuesday, January 12 at 12 noon in the Ancon Conference Room, our speaker will be Dr. W. John Smith, from the University of Pennsylvania, The subject of his seminar is:

Kinds of information animals communicate: I. Examples and some generalizations.

A sequel to Dr. Smith's talk: II. Current directions and controversies, has been scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 26.

ARRIVALS (CONT.)

be at STRI for one year. He will be living in Gamboa and working on: "Evolution of clutch size in a tropical passerine".

January 13 - Marta Lucía Martínez, Universidad del Valle, on an EXXON Fellowship. Marta will be at STRI for 5 months working on: "Duración y secuencia de la nidificación de Pelecanus occidentalis en la Isla de Taboga".

January 15 - John Adams and Tom Buggay to work with T. Ranere on "Environment, settlement and subsistence in an archaeologi­cal context".

Returning during the coming week are: Robin Foster, Stephen Mulkey and Holly Wagner to continue projects on BCI.

CPR COURSE

There is the possibility that another CPR Course (in English) will be given at STRI if we have at least 7-8 persons interested in participating. The course would be given on three consecutive days from 1-4 p.m. in the Tivoli Conference Room. If interested, please call Carmen Sucre at the Tivoli.

STRI RECEIVES FUNDS FROM EXXON

STRI has received funds in the amount of $30,000 from the EXXON Corporation for the continuation of its program of fellowships and assistantships for students from developing countries.

REMINDERS

- Please remember to put custom declarations (green or white stickers) on parcels to be sent through APO or write on the package what it contains, if parcel is going to be sent through the Panama mail. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

- January 9 (Saturday) is an official Panamanian Holiday (Dia de los Mártires) and business establishments (stores, supermarkets, etc.) will be closed.