

# STRI newsletter

March 15, 1991

SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE - Apartado 2072, Balboa, Panama

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## SEMINARS

### Tupper Center Auditorium

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, March 19.

### Next Week

Tuesday, March 26, noon seminar speaker will be Dr. Kim Derrickson, SI National Zoological Park.

*The singing behavior of northern mockingbirds: do females prefer versatile singing?*

## PEOPLE

### Arrivals

■ Cris George Hochwender, Melissa Hughes, Mathew Olson, Mary E. Poulson & Paul E. Brunkov, March 18 - 20, OTS Group to visit BCI facilities.

■ Robert Ricklefs, Smithsonian Regents Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Mar 15 - May 15, to use Library for reference research, consult with staff and present seminar.

■ Mary H. Ruckelhaus, Margaret A. Wohlenber, Gordon Caster Ward & John Betters Pascarella, OTS Group, March 19 - 21, to visit BCI and other STRI facilities.

### Departures

■ Mar 17 - 25, Ira Rubinoff, STRI Director, on official business to Washington, D.C. to consult with SI officials and attend the House Hearings.

## DEADLINES

Proposals should be in STRI Director's Office by  
March 27 - Scholarly Studies Program;

April 10 - Atherton Seidell Endowment Fund.

See next page for more information.



*Madeleine Jacobs (center), director of the SI Office of Public Affairs (OPA), and William Schulz, OPA public affairs specialist, gave a workshop on Talking to Reporters at the Tupper Center on Friday, Mar 8. Since last year, OPA has organized and given four media workshops for the Smithsonian community to train staff who receive inquiries or requests for interviews from reporters. Jacobs and Schulz also gave a mini-workshop on this subject for BCI residents on Mar 9*  
••• *Madeleine Jacobs (centro), directora de la Oficina de Relaciones Públicas (OPA), y William Schulz, especialista en relaciones públicas de la misma oficina, dictaron un taller sobre Como Conversar con Reporteros en el Centro Tupper el viernes, 8 de marzo. OPA ha organizado cuatro talleres desde el año pasado para entrenar al personal del Smithsonian que suministra información al público o es entrevistado por reporteros. Jacobs y Schulz además dictaron un mini-taller sobre el tema para los residentes de Barro Colorado el 9 de marzo.*

(Foto: C. Hansen)

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Smithsonian Institution's Position Regarding Hunting and Collecting of Protected Species

The Smithsonian Institution is a leader in the field of conservation biology. Smithsonian scientists have played a key role in establishing lists of endangered species, and are engaged in world-wide research to promote the survival of the world's fauna and flora.

Smithsonian employees conducting field research as part of their official duties may obtain specimens of scientific value to add to the national collections, which are used by scientists at the Smithsonian and around the world. However, Smithsonian employees on official research trips for the Institution do not engage in sport hunting.

**Smithsonian Institution's Position (cont.) •••  
Política del Smithsonian Relacionada con la  
Cacería y Colecta de Especies Protegidas**

When Smithsonian scientists conduct ecological or conservation research on endangered or protected species they obtain permits from all appropriate authorities. Under these circumstances, applications for permits are required to be published in the Federal Register, along with scientific justifications, in order for the deciding authorities to have the benefit of public comment before determining whether to grant the permit applications. Additionally, requirements imposed by the countries of origin must be next.

Private individuals who collect specimens may ultimately offer to donate them to the Smithsonian for its collections and research. These are accepted by the Smithsonian only if they are needed and have legally obtained, exported and imported. It is the policy of the Smithsonian that under no circumstances does it commission trophy hunters to collect specimens; nor does the institution ever lend its name to justify personal permit applications by such hunters.

La Institución Smithsonian es líder en el campo de la ciencia de la conservación. Los científicos del Smithsonian han jugado un papel clave en el establecimiento de los listados de las especies en peligro, y llevan a cabo investigaciones a nivel mundial para fomentar la sobrevivencia de la fauna y flora del planeta.

Los funcionarios del Smithsonian que trabajan en investigación de campo como parte de sus labores oficiales pueden obtener especímenes de valor científico para añadir a las colecciones nacionales estadounidenses, las cuales son utilizadas por científicos de la Institución y de otras partes del mundo. Sin embargo, los funcionarios del Smithsonian que se encuentran en viajes oficiales de investigación para la Institución no deben participar en la caza deportiva.

Cuando los científicos del Smithsonian llevan a cabo investigaciones ecológicas o sobre conservación de especies protegidas o en peligro de extinción obtienen los permisos de todas las autoridades correspondientes para tal efecto. Bajo estas circunstancias, se requiere que las solicitudes para los permisos se publiquen en el Registro Federal de los E.E.U.U., junto con las justificaciones científicas, con el propósito de que las autoridades competentes obtengan el beneficio de los comentarios públicos sobre el tema antes de determinar si conceden los permisos. Además, deben llenarse todos los requisitos exigidos por cada país de origen.

Las personas particulares que colectan especímenes pueden en última instancia ofrecerse a donarlas al Smithsonian para sus colecciones o investigaciones. Esto es aceptado por el Smithsonian sólo si se necesitan y han sido legalmente obtenidos, exportados e importados. Es política del Smithsonian que bajo ninguna circunstancia se encomiende la colecta de especímenes a cazadores de oficio, ni que la Institución brinde su buen nombre a ninguno de estos individuos para justificar solicitudes de caza personales.

(Para mayor información llamar a María Morello, Oficina de Visitantes, Centro Tupper.)

**Attention! Proposal Deadlines**

□ April 1st is the deadline for submission of proposals for the Scholarly Studies Program July review; funding to begin after October 1, 1991. Proposals should be in the STRI Director's Office by March 27.

□ April 15 is the deadline for submission of proposals to the Atherton Seidell Endowment Fund. Seidell funds projects intended to make information available to a wider audience. Proposals should be in the STRI Director's Office by April 10.

**Training Opportunities**

During Women's Week (March 18-22, 1991), the Panama Canal Commission has scheduled some training and development activities for their employees, and they are extending participation in some of them to other agencies in the area. The sessions will be held at the PCC Training Center in Balboa. Information regarding the different sessions has been posted at each STRI facility bulletin board. Those interested in attending any of these sessions should make previous arrangements with their supervisors. STRI has been advised that it is not necessary to register in advance.

**U.S. Income Tax Assistance**

A representative from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is visiting Panama for individual consultation on a "first come - first serve" basis.

March 15, 19 and 20th.

8:00 a.m. - 12:30

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tel: 27-1777, Mrs. Saenz.

**W-2s**

STRI employees (U.S. citizens) who have not received their W-2 form for 1990 are advised to write a memo addressed to Ann Sloper, SI Payroll Office, stating that the form has not been received; please include your Social Security number. The Personnel Office will fax it to Payroll.

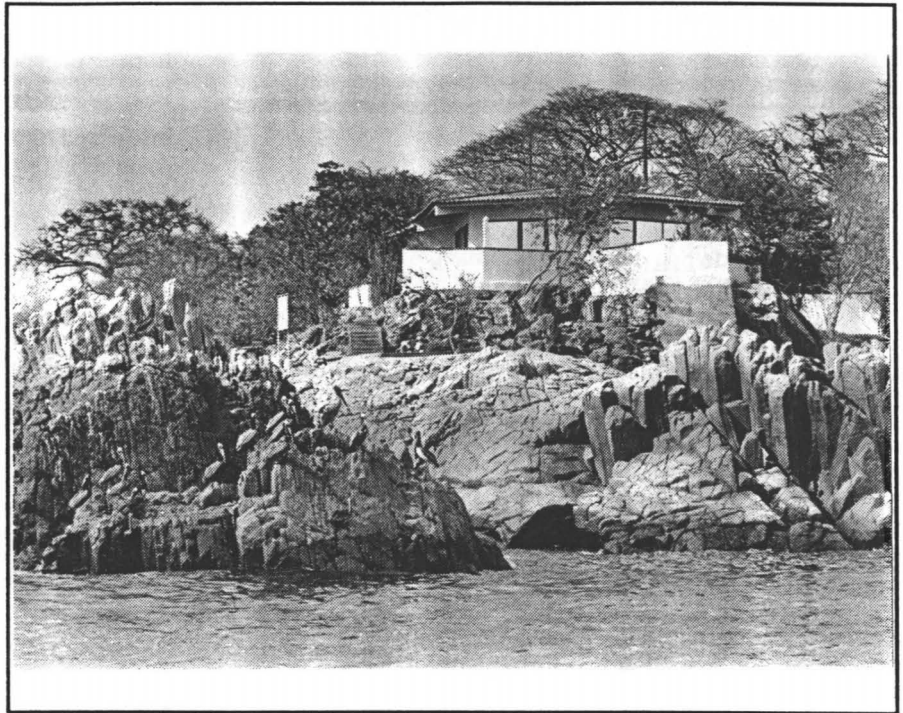
**Nuevas Adquisiciones de la Videoteca de Conseroación**

La Oficina de Educación y Conservación anuncia que tiene los siguientes nuevos videos para el uso del personal de STRI, y organizaciones o personas que se dedican a la educación ambiental.

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A.B.A. Producciones Artísticas: No te pases de la raya, cariño. Bajo la dirección de Juan Manuel Ferrer, en el Teatro La Cúpula, hasta el 24 de marzo. Tel 23-7516.

**Cursos y Conferencias**

Se dictarán cursos de italiano básico y avanzado por cuatro semanas a partir del 18 de marzo, los lunes, miércoles y viernes de 6:00 a 7:30 p.m. Los interesados favor llamar a Guido Grisolia al 61-3430.

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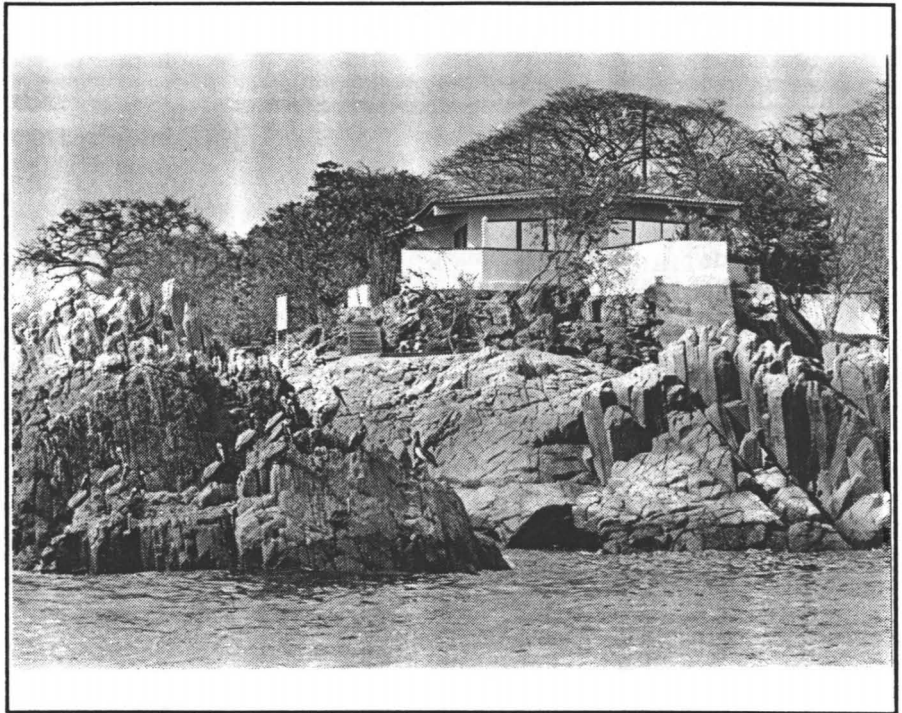
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## STRI LIBRARY NEW BOOK LIST

- Amazon headhunters (M. Zikmond & J. Hanzelka, 1963) F3714.H313X E1963 STRI.
- Asociaciones de peces en el Golfo de Batabaná (R. Claro, ed., 1990) QL631.C9A83 1990 STRI.
- Atlas anatómico de *Boa constrictor* Linnaeus, 1758 (Serpentes, Boidae) QL666.O63A88 1989 STRI.
- Atmospheric pollution and its implications in the Eastern Transvaal Highveld (PD Tyson et al., 1988) TD883.7.S62T77 1988 STRI.
- Breakthroughs on hunger : a journalist's encounter with global change (RM Harley, 1990) HN981.C6H37 1990X STRI.
- Cecropiaceae : *Coussapoa* and *Pourouma*, with an introduction to the family (CC Berg et al., 1990) QK495.M73B49c 1990 STRI.
- Chromosome atlas of flowering plants of the Indian subcontinent (V. Kumar & B. Subramaniam) QK358.K96 1987 STRI.
- The Death of Ramón González : the modern agricultural dilemma (A. Wright, 1990) RC965.A5W75 1990X STRI.
- Developments in estuarine and coastal study techniques : proceedings of EBSA 17 Symposium, University of Dundee, Tay Estuary Research Centre, 14-18 September 1987 (EBSA Symposium (17th : University of Dundee), 1989) GC97.E16 1987 STRI.
- Electrophoretic and isoelectric focusing techniques in fisheries management (DH Whitmore, ed.) QP519.9.E434E43 1990X STRI.
- The Export trade in fishery products from developing countries to developed countries : present situation and future prospects (R. Hamliche, 1967) HD9468.D44H22 1967 STRI.
- Flora of Australia, v.18 : Podostemaceae to Combretaceae QK431.F632 STRI.
- The Frogs of the genus *Eleutherodactylus* (family Leptodactylidae) at the La Planada Reserve in southwestern Colombia with descriptions of eight new species (JD Lynch & PA Burrowes, 1990) QL668.E277L98f 1990 STRI.
- Geografía de Panamá : estudio introductorio y antología (O. Jaén Suárez, 1985) F1563.J22 1985 STRI.
- Greenhouse : planning for climate change (GI Pearman, 1988) QC912.3.G735 1988m STRI.
- Handbook of Indian mosses (HC Gangulee, 1986) QK545.I4G197 1986 STRI.
- History of life (R. Cowen, 1990) QE711.2.C68 1990X STRI.
- Impact on soils of fast-growing species in lowland humid tropics (EO Chijicke, 1980) SD390.3.T76C46X 1980 STRI.
- Integrated agriculture-aquaculture in South China : the dike-pond system of the Zhujiang Delta (K. Ruddle & G. Zhong, 1988) S471.C62C4977 1988X STRI.
- Kinship studies in the Morgan centennial year (P. Reining, ed., 1972) GN480.K56 STRI.
- Learn to grow under fluorescent lights (RDP Morrison, 1985) SB126.M88 1985 STRI.
- Light garden construction : a do-it-yourself manual (PW Banucci, 1978) SB126.B219 1978 STRI.
- El Niño en las Islas Galápagos : el evento de 1982-1983 = el Niño in the Galapagos Islands : the 1982-1983 event (G. Robinson & EM del Pino, eds., 1985) GC296.8.E4E43 1985X STRI.
- The Origins of human behaviour (RA Foley, ed., 1991) GN281.4.O75 1991X STRI.
- Pots and potters : current approaches in ceramic archaeology (PM Rice, ed., 1984) CC79.5.P6P665 1984X STRI.
- Rain forest regeneration and management (A. Gómez Pompa et al., 1991) SD247.R35 1991X STRI.
- A Revision and phylogenetic analysis of *Omphalea* (Euphorbiaceae) LJ Gillespie, 1988) QK495.E9G47 1988a STRI.
- Sedimentary environments and carbonate rocks of Bimini, Bahamas, P. Supko et al., comp., 1970) QE99.M618 1970 STRI.
- Series of revisions of *Aocynaceae* XXI : notes on *Tabernaemontaneae* (AJM Leeuwenberg, 1988) QK495.A66S48 1988 STRI.
- Sharing innovation : global perspectives on food, agriculture, and rural development (NG Kotler, ed., 1990) TX359.S48 1990X STRI.
- Status and management of interior stocks of cutthroat trout (RE Gresswell, ed., 1988) SH167.T86S73 1988 STRI.