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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

As announced last week, Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, Panama's Independence Day, is an official holiday and a holiday for STRI employees.

On Monday, November 2 and November 4 which are also holidays in Panama, STRI will observe a liberal leave policy. Employees essential to our operation will remain at their posts of duty. Employees in annual leave status will be charged annual leave. Applications for annual leave should be approved by the employee's supervisor and should be forwarded as soon as possible to the personnel office.

SEMINAR NEWS

There will not be a seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. The seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 10 will be given by Dr. Annette Aiello, STRI Research Associate, who will speak on:

"The Diverse World of Panamanian Caterpillars"

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Nov. 1 - Leaving, Mr. Ramon Ely, for 2 weeks official business at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

and Arriving, Dr. Ernest Iverson, Univ. of Southern California, for about 3 weeks to study the systematics and evolution of the New World Sphaeromatidae (Crustacea: Isopoda) at the Naos Lab.

Nov. 2 - Arriving, Dr. Ken Sebens and Ms. Bambi Thorne, Harvard Univ. They will be at STRI for approximately two weeks, and Bambi will be continuing studies on the Population dynamics and reproductive biology of Neotropical Nasutitermes.

REMINDER

Miscellaneous items from the Ancon Basement that were taken to the Naos Shop should be claimed as soon as possible; all items that are not claimed will be disposed of.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-Dr. B. Curçic called from Yugoslavia the other evening to thank STRI for hosting his visit and all the people here who were so kind to him during his visit.

-We have checked with the Panama Railroad and the itinerary for the upcoming holidays will be as follows:

Nov. 3 - (Same as for Sat. & Sun.)

Nov. 2, 4 - Regular schedule

-The new Information for Visitors to STRI is ready, and will soon be available for distribution.

-Dr. An Wang, the founder of Wang Laboratories and one of the most innovative computer scientists in the U.S., recently made a \$1-million gift to Harvard University to enable the University to provide support for the early graduate training of four young scientists each year. Wang, who was born and raised in China and immigrated to the U.S. after W.W. II, (and then earned two advanced degrees from Harvard) made the gift after discussing with the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences the problem facing graduate studies in the sciences. The Dean outlined to Dr. Wang the impact of the loss of federal support for graduate training in the sciences and the University's need to find other sources of funding, especially for young scientists, and Dr. Wang's gift was forthcoming. Lucky Harvard!

STRI STICKERS NECESSARY TO
PARK AT NAOS

STRI stickers will be necessary to park vehicles at Naos and police will be checking vehicles parked at STRI facilities at Naos for these. Please send your car model and license plate number to Leo van Valkenhoef, as soon as possible to request yours.