



COOPERATIVE TECHNICAL AGREEMENT SIGNED

An agreement of technical cooperation to encourage the development of research activities on the West Bank of the Panama Canal Watershed was signed on Saturday, November 21, 1981 by the Minister of Agricultural Development of Panama, Dr. Alfredo Oranges; Ing. Irving Diaz, Director of RENARE; Dr. Rodrigo Tarte, Director of the Institute of Agricultural Development; Dr. Gerardo Budowski, Director of CATIE in Costa Rica, and Dr. Ira Rubinoff. The research on the West Bank will hopefully accomplish 3 main goals: 1) encouragement of preservation and utilization of Panama's natural resources in a sustainable manner, 2) provide an opportunity for STRI scientists to engage in field trials of some of the theoretical studies in which they have been involved for many years, for example, the rearing of iguanas, agoutis, and experiments with the process of forest succession, and 3) encourage activities along the West Bank of the Panama Canal Watershed which are compatible with the long-term status of the Barro Colorado Nature Monument.

SCIENTIFIC STAFF MEETING

The December staff meeting will be this Tuesday, December 1st, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

SEMINAR NEWS

There will be an informal seminar on Monday, November 30, in the BCI Lounge (7:30 p.m.), given by Jason Weintraub, Harvard University, who will speak on:

Aristolochia swallowtails (Lepidoptera: Papilionidae)

Please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Butler, 252-2124, if you plan to attend.

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, will be given by Kassy Cole, University of Alberta, who will speak on:

Another fishy story on sex change; comparison between a temperate and a tropical goby

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

VISITORS:

December 1 - Arriving, Dr. Robin Andrews Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, to continue the Anolis limifrons census on BCI. Dr. Andrews

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will be at STRI for about 3 weeks:

December 1 - Arriving Dr. W. John Smith, University of Pennsylvania, to conduct studies on: "Duetting, vocal exchanges of the small fly catcher, Todirostrum cinereum". Smith has been invited to STRI as part of the Senior Sabbatical Program and will be at Gamboa for about 3 months.

STAFF TRAVEL

Dr. Neal Smith is leaving on Nov. 27 to present seminars at UCLA and Scripps Institute, University of California at San Diego. He will also be meeting with Robert Ridgel and Eugene Morton regarding the preparation of a book containing papers dedicated to Eugene Eisenmann. Dr. Smith is expected back on December 16.

Dr. Michael Robinson is leaving on Sunday, November 29, to give a seminar at Harvard and to attend the Bureau Directors Meeting at the SI. Then he has been invited to attend the meeting of the Indo-U.S. Subcommittee on Science and Technology and the International Conference on Environmental Education in New Delhi, India. He will be returning December 20.

Dr. Carol F. Jopling, STRI's new Librarian, will be arriving on December 2nd, to join our staff. Dr. Jopling brings to the Library extensive experience as a teacher-scholar-writer in addition to Research Librarian and bibliographic experience. Formerly the Librarian of the Bureau of American Ethnology, her studies include Art history/Architecture (Vassar College), Library Science and Anthropology (Catholic University) and Anthropology (University of Massachusetts, Amherst). We welcome her to STRI.

LOCATION CHANGE

The ESP computer at Ancon has been moved to the first room in the remodeled Ancon Basement.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 28th marks the 160th anniversary of Panama's independence from Spain. All public and private offices, including supermarkets, will be closed.