TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS
Tue, Jun 22, noon seminar speaker will be Maria Lazaridou-Dimitriadou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Macedonia, Greece.

BAMBI
Bambi speaker will Tony Coates on Wed, Jun 23 at 7:45pm

GEOLOGICAL HISTORY OF DARIEN
Please arrange transportation with BCI.

PEOPLE

Arrivals
- Rafael Coma, University of Buffalo at New York, Jun 20-15 Sep, to work with Howard Lasker in San Blas.
- Howard Lasker and Mary Alice Coffroth with assistants, W. Kapela, K. Kim, T. Liberman and C. Spanga, University of Buffalo, Jun 21-18 Aug, to study the fertilization success among broadcast spawning benthic invertebrates, in San Blas.
- Elizabeth Stacy, Short-term fellow from the University of Georgia, Jun 21-13 Sep, to conduct studies on the gene movement among widely dispersed tropical trees, on BCI.
- Kim Phillips, University of Georgia, Jun 21-Jun '94, to study the resource distribution and sociality in white-faced Capuchin monkeys, Cebus capucinus, on BCI.
- Lila Fishamnn, Princeton University, Jun 21-20 Aug, to study the effects of local mate density on fruiting of understory trees, on BCI.
- Owen McMillan, University of Hawaii, Jun 24-15 Jul, to work on the patterns of allozyme variation in closely related Indo-West Pacific butterflyfishes.

Departures
- Richard Condit, Jun 18-16 Jul, to Cambridge, MA, to attend the meetings of the CTFS Board of Directors and then on vacation.
- Joe Wright, Jun 20-2 Aug on vacation.
- Jeremy Jackson, June 23-27, to Irvine, CA, to attend meeting of the committee on the Formation of the National biological Survey of the National Academy of Sciences.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Warning for Pipeline Road Users
Alerta para Usuarios del Camino del Oleoducto
The gate to Pipeline Road, Parque Nacional Soberania, is broken. The hinges are loose and it may fall on the person who is opening it. Take the necessary precautions. Proper officials have been notified. *** La reja de entrada al Camino del Oleoducto en el Parque Nacional Soberania está suelta. Tome las debidas precauciones al abrirlo, pues le puede caer encima. Las autoridades pertinentes han sido notificadas.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

¡FELIZ DIA DEL PADRE!
At Tupper Center
Mon, Jun 21  ■ Escuela Sin Murallas 9am, San Vicente de Paul, 10:30 am, Instituto Nacional, 2pm, to visit exhibition.
■ Facilities managers and scientific coordinators meeting, Small Meeting Room, 2pm.
Tue, Jun 22  ■ Octavio Méndez Pereira 9am, Oxford International School, 10:30am, Escuela Cristiana Abraham, 2pm, to visit exhibition.
■ CTI Meeting, Large Meeting Room, 9am.
Wed, Jun 23  ■ Octavio Méndez Pereira, 9am, IPA, 10:30am, Escuela Cristiana Abraham, 2pm, to visit exhibition.
Thu, Jun 24  ■ Instituto de Enseñanza Superior, 9am, IPA, 10:30am, Escuela Cristiana Abraham, 2pm, to visit exhibition.
Fri, Jun 25  ■ St. George, San Felipe, 9am, IPA 10:30am.

At the Culebra Marine Biological Reserve
Tue, Jun 22  ■ Escuela Gaspar Octavio (Hernández, San Cristóbal, Juan Díaz, 9am.
Wed, Jun 23  ■ Programa "Escuela sin Murallas" (UNESCO, Lisma, Ministerio de Educación, 8:30 am.
Thu, Jun 24  ■ Casa Esperanza Pro-Rescate al Niño de la Calle, 9am
Fri, Jun 25  ■ Department of Nursing, Gorgas Hospital, 9am.

Conversatorio en el Parque Natural Metropolitano
La Tienda Ecológica del Parque Natural Metropolitano (PNM), invita a la presentación y discusión del video Reportaje del Arcoiris, donde siete activistas del medio ambiente de diferentes partes del mundo, narran sus experiencias, su forma de vida, y cómo relacionan los temas de la salud, la contaminación, la educación sexual y la política, con el medio ambiente.
Viernes 2 de julio de 1993 a las 5 pm en el Salón Las Oropéndolas, PNM. Se servirá un refrigerio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recycling at STRI
Recycling is alive and well at STRI. Thanks to concerned staff and efforts by many volunteers, the recycling of paper is gaining momentum. It is suggested you obtain an appropriate container (cardboard box, spare trash can, basket) to put any paper you wish to recycle and label it "Paper Recycling" or "Reciclado de Papel". Periodically, empty its contents into the building recycling container which is located in a central location. Or you may ask your custodian staff to do so. When the building container is full, the paper is sent to the Procurement Department for subsequent transportation to the recycling paper purchasers. If you have any doubts, suggestions or questions, please ask your building recycling coordinator. Remember: only white paper is presently acceptable for recycling. Please do not put any colored paper, stapled sheets, envelopes with windows, fax on thermal paper, newspapers, cardboard or garbage. Thanks!

School children in Ailigandi, San Blas, march through their community during the celebration of the National Ecological Week. José Angel Colman, who is in charge of a Kuna children's art and ecology workshop in Ailigandi was the local coordinator of this celebration. The art workshop resulted from a joint project by STRI's office of education, Dobbo Yala and the WWF. Escolares de Ailigandi, San Blas, desfilan por las calles de su comunidad, durante la inauguración de la Semana Ecológica. José Angel Colman, quien dirige el Taller de Arte Infantil Kuna en Ailigandi, fue designado coordinador de la Semana Ecológica. El taller de arte infantil nació como una iniciativa de la Oficina de Educación de STRI, la Fundación Dobbo Yala y el Fondo Mundial para la Naturaleza. (Foto: Jorge Ventocilla)
**STRI NEW PUBLICATIONS**


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**SAFETY ••• SEGURIDAD**

*by José Ramón Perurena, Safety Officer*

As most of you in Tupper are aware, the fire alarm system has yet to work properly. I was made aware of that fact on Jun 16, 1993 at 08:50 hours when the smoke alarm went off. To my surprise, I was the only staff person in Tupper who evacuated the building.

We have all been exposed to false alarms. However, we cannot afford the risk of it not being *"the real thing". *

Changes will not occur rapidly, but it is important for us to know that our SIMPLEX fire alarm system has two types of audible signals: 1) the "smoke signal" which sounds like an air horn, and 2) the "fire signal" which activates the loud bells. Most deaths in fires are not due to the actual fire, but the smoke inhalation. Regrettfully enough, it is this smoke signal which trips the most; therefore, it is the one the staff tends to ignore the most.

"Oda al Esplendor" de Heriberto Valdés, fue la fotografía ganadora del primer premio del II Concurso Fotográfico "Día de la Tierra 1993", patrocinado por Canon Latin America Inc., el Parque Natural Metropolitano y el Instituto Smithsonian de Investigaciones Tropicales.

(Cortesía del Parque Natural Metropolitano)

Please, note that if the bells begin to sound, there is the very high probability that it might be *"the real thing"*. Therefore, do not ignore it: evacuate immediately. Safety is everyone's concern.

**Alarma contra Incendios**

Como casi todos en Tupper se han dado cuenta, el sistema de alarmas contra incendios aún no funciona adecuadamente. De lo anterior me percaté el miércoles 16 de junio, cuando la alarma de humo se encendió. Para mi sorpresa, fui el único en salir del edificio.

Todos hemos sido expuestos a las falsas alarmas. Sin embargo, no podemos arriesgarnos a que sea *"de verdad".*

Los cambios no ocurren rápidamente, pero es importante saber que nuestro sistema SIMPLEX tiene dos tipos de alarmas: 1) la alarma de humo, que suena como un cuerno de aire, y 2) la alarma de fuego, que activa campañas ruidosas.

La mayoría de las muertes en fuegos no se deben a las quemaduras en sí, sino a la inhalación de humo. Desafortunadamente, esta señal de humo es la que se enciende más, y por lo tanto es la que el personal más ignora.

Por favor, recuerde, si las campañas empiezan a sonar, existe una probabilidad muy alta de que se trate de algo *"de verdad"*. De modo que no ignore: salga del edificio inmediatamente. La seguridad nos concierne a todos.
From the Office of Human Resources ••• De la Oficina de Recursos Humanos

Yesterday is experience. Tomorrow is hope. Today is getting from one to the other as best we can.

Leaving the Past Behind

In every age, there has always been a lot of anguished wringing of hands and weeping about things from the irrevocable past — things done that should not have been done, and things left undone that should have been done.

Years ago, a doctor named Frederick Loomis came up with the right medicine for this malady:

"Moaning over what cannot be helped," he wrote, "is a confession of futility and of fear... The best way to break this vicious, morbid circle is to stop thinking about yourself and start thinking about other people. You can light your own load by doing something for someone else. By the simple device of doing an outward, unselfish act today, you can make the past recede. The present and the future will again take on their true challenge and perspective. As a doctor I have seen it tried many, many times and nearly always it has been a far more successful prescription than anything I could have ordered from the drugstore."

And quoting Groucho Marx: "Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn’t arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I’m going to be happy in it."

Sense of Humor

Being a working woman can be tough, but holding a job and having children is even tougher. There’s a story about a mother with three active boys who were playing cops and robbers in the backyard after dinner one summer evening. One of the boys “shot” his mother and yelled, “Bang, you’re dead.” She slumped to the ground and when she didn’t get up right away, a neighbor ran over to see if she had been hurt in the fall. When the neighbor bent over the overworked mother, the mother opened one eye and said, “Shhh. Don’t give me away. It’s the only chance I get to rest.”

Hasta la próxima!

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