

ARRIVALS THIS WEEK

Expected this week is Ms. Debra Hoffmaster, Texas Technical University to work on "Habitat utilization in Araneid spiders."

Also expected are:

Jan. 1.- Ms. Linda Ashkenas, Oregon State U., to continue working on Dr. Bruce Menge's project "Rocky intertidal community ecology." Linda will be at the Naos lab for about 4 months.

The rest of the Menge group will arrive on Jan. 6th. They are:

Dr. Bruce Menge, staying 2 months
Dr. Edwin Bourget, staying 3 months
Ms. Lani West, staying 4 months
Mr. Bruce Rifkin, staying 1 year

Arriving: Ms. Jane Sherfy, Univ. of California Berkeley to do research on Ocypode gaudichaudii. Scholarly Studies Fellow

Ms. Catherine Carr, USCD, to work with Mary Hagedorn. Ms. Carr will be at STRI for 3 weeks.

Ms. Mona Mort, Dartmouth College to investigate "Aspects of genetics, competition and predation, underlying morphological divergence in Ceriodaphnia cornuta. Mona will be at BCI until mid-March. Also arriving to work as her assistant is Ms. Becky Todd.

Jill Trainer, University of Michigan, and her assistant Tom Will who will be working on "Promiscuous mating systems of caciques and oropendolas."

Dr. Allison Snow, University of Massachusetts to work with Dr. David Roubik on "Pollination intensity and reproductive success in Compositae and Cochlospermaceae. Dr. Snow will be at BCI until April 4.

Ms. Doris Weiland and Ms. Patricia Hansell to work with Dr. Tony Ranere.

Returning to STRI after a year's absence is DR. HARIS LESSIOS. Welcome back, Haris!

And Mrs. Adela Gomez will also be returning next week from the U.S.

SEMINAR

There is no schedule as yet for the next seminar. Please check your bulletin boards for an announcement.

Another case of theft has occurred this time at Nuevo Gorgona Beach. PLEASE do not leave valuables in your car at any public beach or recreational area. Always have someone keep a watch over your things.

The Combined Federal Campaign was officially over on December 16th. STRI's efforts proved to be fruitful. A total amount of \$797.00 was donated in favor of the charitable organizations (\$8.00 less than last year).

Mr. Denys Avila, who graduated in art is offering his services as a graphic and advertising designer to STRI Scientists and any other interested person. Please contact him at 53-1217 (Chorrera).

New Year's message from the Director, Dr. Ira Rubinoff:

I would like to wish everyone at STRI the happiest and healthiest of New Years. 1982 promises to be a year of challenge. We will have to work extra hard to maintain the vitality of our programs in view of the economic situations. Hopefully everyone will cooperate by conserving energy and materials so as to minimize the impact of the lack of increased federal funding upon STRI. We can look forward to several new developments to make our task easier and our working environment more pleasant. This year we expect to complete a New Library Building, to modernize the electrical system on BCI, to renovate Bldg. 359 at Naos and to make improvements to the sanitary system at Galeta. Finally, I hope it is not too optimistic to expect the computerization of aspects of accounting, payroll, inventory, procurement, etc. to be completed and tested during 1982 -- hopefully making these services more responsive to our needs.

During times of fiscal difficulties our mission of promoting tropical research requires, more than ever, our characteristic cooperation and resourcefulness.

Happy New Year!

