

STRI NEWSLUNCHEON AND TOUR FOR MRS. ROYO AT SI

Mrs. Adela Royo, the First Lady of the Republic of Panama, and her daughter, Marta, were the guests of honor at a luncheon given yesterday (May 10th) at the National Museum of Natural History. The luncheon, which was preceded by a tour of the museum, was also attended by Mrs. Lopez Guevara, the wife of the Panamanian Ambassador to the U.S., Mrs. Moss, the wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Panama, and the wives of other Panamanian officials who had accompanied the Royos to Washington. Mrs. Adela Gomez was also present and represented STRI at this luncheon.

DR. G. MONTGOMERY'S PROPOSAL TO SCHOLARLY STUDIES PROGRAM APPROVED

We are pleased to announce the approval of Dr. Gene's Montgomery's proposal for \$35,318.00 entitled "Diversity and Biomass of Arthropods in the Canopy of Inundated and Terra Firme Forests Near Manaus, Brazil: Effects of Seasonal Rainfall and Flooding Patterns". Dr. Montgomery's proposal was submitted to the Scholarly Studies Program.

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar this week will be given by Dr. Donald Kramer, McGill University, who will speak on: "The paradox of fish respiration: behavioral ecology of a 'physiological' process". The seminar which will be on Tuesday, May 15th will be as usual at noon in the Ancon Conference Room.

VACATION QUARTERS AVAILABLE

Vacation quarters are available in the Gamboa area (near the Golf Club) from July 17th - August 20th. These quarters have 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and den. For further information call Mrs. Eichel at 56-6393.

ASSISTANTS AVAILABLE

Juan Achurra - biology student from the Univ. of Panama, in his last year, would like to work as an assistant to someone at STRI. He has a diving certificate, can drive small boats, and develops black and white film. He worked for Dr. P. Glynn for 1 yr.

Andrew Walker - Volunteer who will be available to work as research assistant to field biologists. He has had 3 semesters at Clark University, where he took primarily science, math, and psychology courses. He is willing to pay his way down to Panama, and will be available to work through the end of 1979.

For further information, on how to contact these interested persons, please contact Mrs. Lombardo at 52-5669.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

- May 12 - Arriving Nadia Zucker to continue her studies at Naos.
- May 15 - Arriving Steve Garrity, on a short-term fellowship, to continue studies on succession in earthquake-disturbed areas in Darien.

Also arriving, Dolores Piperno from Temple University, on a short-term fellowship. She will be carrying out studies on the nature, form and distribution of opal phytoliths in tropical contexts.

Leaving Drs. Peter Glynn and Peter Castro, and Guadalupe Scott for Bogota, Colombia, to join an expedition of the University of Los Andes to Isla Gorgona, to conduct studies in marine biology.

- May 17 - Arriving Don Wilson to continue bat monitoring studies on BCI.

Also leaving this week:

Valery Terwilliger will be leaving on Monday, May 14th for San Jose, Costa Rica. She will be continuing her work with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica. Valery will be working at ASCONA the Asociación Costarricense para la Conservación de la Naturaleza. We wish her the best of luck in Costa Rica.

Leo Fleishman will be leaving on May 14th, after having been working on BCI.

FOR SALE

Metal insect screening 4' wide. Call Alan Jaslow at the Tivoli, 52-5669.

M. ROBINSON'S ARTICLE IN NEW SCIENTIST

Be sure not to miss Dr. Michael Robinson's article in the 3 May 1979, Vol. 82, No. 1153 issue of NEW SCIENTIST. The article, entitled, "Untangling tropical biology" begins with this sentence:

"Most biologists from temperate regions suffer a kind of 'culture shock' when they first visit the humid tropics."

The article is true to the Robinson style, thought-provoking, and with good photos (which include some by our own Dr. Neal G. Smith).