**TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS**

Tuesday, February 28, noon seminar speaker will be Pedro León Azofeifa, SI Burch Fellow, Universidad de Costa Rica

*Deafness and Depression: Hunting Disease Genes in Costa Rican Families*

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**PEOPLE**

**Arrivals**

- James Roper and 14 students from the University of Pennsylvania, Feb 27-19 Mar, to give the Tropical Field Ecology Course, at the Gamboa Schoolhouse.
- Kyle Harms, Princeton University, Mar 1-30 Jul, to study the resource heterogeneity and the establishment of non-pioneer tree species, at BCI.
- Keitha Dattilo, SI National Museum of Natural History, Mar 1-Oct 31, for the re-census of the 50 hectare plot on BCI.
- Sabine Stuntz, Technische University, Germany, Mar 1-30 Apr, to work for Klaus Winter, at BCI.
- Frode Odegaard, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, Mar 1-Jul, to study host specificity in beetles (Coleoptera) in tropical forests, at Tupper.

**Departures**

- Eldredge Bermingham, Mar 3-19, to Las Vegas, Nevada, to consult with Andrew Martin, then to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to attend the Keystone Symposium "Molecular Approaches to Marine Ecology and Evolution".

**THINGS TO KNOW**

**From the Visitor Services Office**

We wish to remind all visitors that Carnival will be held hom Saturday, February 25 to Wednesday, March 1 (Ash Wednesday) this year. All government offices and banks, and many private enterprises will be closed throughout these festivities.

**From the Library • • • De la Biblioteca**

The Library will be closed for move from March 2-7 • • • La Biblioteca permanecerá cerrada del 2 al 7 de marzo por mudanza.

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**For Pipeline Users**

The padlock to Pipeline Road, in Parque Nacional Soberania has been broken, and INRENARE installed a new one on Thu, Feb 23. Anyone needing a new key, please see Maria Leone, at the Visitors Services Office. Duplicates will be available after March 1.

**For Scientists Working at Parque Natural Metropolitano**

STRI, the Patronato and the Alcaldía of Panama City, are working jointly so that the topographical studies and the alignments for the proposed routes of the Panama-Colon highway and the Corredor Norte will not affect the integrity of this unique Park where so many long-range biological studies are being carried out with funding from the European community and North America.

**At the Tupper Center**

Tue, Feb 28 • Noon seminar by Pedro León Azofeifa, AUD.

**At the Culebra Marine Reserve**

Thu, Mar 2 • Fundación Teen Challenge
Sat, Mar 4 • Brownies Troop
Sun, Mar 5 • Universidad Santa María La Antigua
At the BCI Island Station
Sat, Feb 25 Visitors from Panama City and the U.S.
Sun, Feb 26 Instituto Profesional y Técnico de Veraguas
Sat, Mar 4 Universidad Santa Maria La Antigua
Sun, Mar 5 Visitors from Panama City.

At the Gamboa Schoolhouse
Mon, Feb 27 through Sun, Mar 19, the Tropical Field Ecology Course, by Jim Roper, University of Pennsylvania.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Obituary *** Murió Fausto Bocanegra
Fausto Bocanegra, or “Don Boca”, died on Sun, Feb 12. He came to STRI (at the time the Canal Zone Biological Area) in 1951, as BCI’s first animal keeper. Since then, and until his retirement in 1988, he worked at BCI as animal keeper, launch operator, gamewarden and tour guide. In his honor, the newest nature trail, currently used by visitor groups, was named “Fausto”. His friends and co-workers will always remember this big man, with an even bigger smile ••• Fausto Bocanegra, mejor conocido como “Don Boca” murió el domingo 12 de febrero. Llegó a STRI (entonces “Canal Zone Biological Area”) en 1951, como el primer encargado del cuidado de los animales en BCI. Desde entonces, y hasta que se jubiló en 1988 siguió trabajando con los animales, operando lanchas, como guardabosques y guía de visitantes. En su honor, el sendero natural más nuevo de la Isla, en uso actual de los visitantes, fue bautizado “Fausto”. Sus amigos y compañeros siempre recordarán a este hombre grande, con su sonrisa aún mayor.

FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

Notice of Opening
Applications for editorial assistant will be accepted effective immediately, to work at the Naos Marine Laboratories. The selected person will be in charge of overseeing the publication of the abstracts and the proceedings of the 8th International Coral Reef Congress, to be held in June, 1996, organized by STRI and the University of Panama. Candidates must have the ability to write and edit in English and Spanish, have experience in translation, familiarity with word-processing or desktop computer programs and have demonstrated ability in dealing successfully with deadlines. Additional desirable qualifications include a background in biology or geology; experience in library research and ability to deal with scholars from different countries. This contract that will begin on Sep 15, 1995 and end on Feb 28, 1997. Interested candidates please send C.V. and letter indicating expected compensation to the Office of Human Resources, Attention: 8th International Coral Reef Congress, STRI, P.O. Box 3333, Balboa, Ancon, before March 15, 1995.

STRI Birthdays for March
Victor Castillo  3
Harilaos Lessios 4
Lazlo Vegh 6
Alberto Gonzalez 8
Everardo Curney 11
Mario Bernal 12
Rosa Zambrano 25
Richard Condit 29
Ana María Ford 30

We welcome Fernando Caballero, new security specialist, who started working for STRI on February 5th. Caballero graduated in biology at the University of Panama. His working experience has been in security, since he worked for seven years for the Canal Protection Division, PCC, patrolling the Panama Canal areas. He has training in industrial safety, physical security and has a U.S. license to navigate in Panama Canal waters ••• Deseamos darle la bienvenida a Fernando Caballero, nuevo especialista en seguridad, a partir del 5 de febrero. Caballero es graduado en biología en la Universidad de Panamá, aunque su experiencia de trabajo ha sido en el campo de la seguridad. Trabajó durante 7 años en la División de Protección del Canal, Comisión del Canal de Panamá, patrullando áreas montañosas y selváticas. Tiene entrenamiento en seguridad industrial, seguridad personal y licencia para navegar en las aguas del Canal de Panamá.