

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Monday, February 15th will be a holiday for STRI employees. It is the celebration of Washington's Birthday.

Due to Carnaval Celebrations, it has been announced that government offices in Panama will be closed February 22, 23 (Carnaval Day) and 24. Therefore, anyone planning to travel during that week should obtain paz y salvos and exit permits during the week of Feb. 15th. Please keep in mind that everything will be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 23, Carnaval, and that banks and many business establishments also close Monday and Wednesday (until noon).

SEMINAR NEWS

On Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 12 noon, Dr. Malcolm Coe, Oxford University, will speak on:

"Elephant dung and dung beetles in Eastern Kenya"

That same evening, Dr. W. John Smith, University of Pennsylvania will give an evening seminar at 6:30 p.m on:

"Deceit and animal communication"

Both of these seminars will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

~~date to be announced~~
On ~~Thursday evening~~ Dr. Malcolm Coe will also give an informal seminar on BCI. The subject will be:

"The Corpse Story"

Please note that dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and that the seminar will follow at 6:45 p.m. Anyone planning to be there for dinner should R.S.V.P. to Barbara Butler at 52-2124.

ARRIVALS

Arrived February 4, Dr. Stephen Buchmann, USDA Carl Hayden Research Laboratory, to work with Dr. Roubik on bee chemical ecology and pollination ecology.

Arrived, February 11th, Dr. Charles Kerfoot, Dartmouth University, who will be staying at Gamboa for one month with his students in Dartmouth's Tropical Ecology Course.

February 14 - Arriving, Dr. Malcolm Coe, Oxford University, at the invitation of STRI. He will be visiting STRI

ARRIVALS (cont.)

facilities, consulting with staff and presenting seminars.

February 14 - Arriving, Carlos Rodríguez, Instituto Vallecaucano de Investigaciones Científicas, Cali, Colombia, on an EXXON assistantship, to participate in the Archaeological Project in Santa María with Drs. Richard Cooke and Tony Ranere.

February 15 - Arriving the Dartmouth University Tropical Ecology Course. They will be spending one month at Gamboa.

February 15 - Drs. David Cox and Owen Sexton, Washington University, to consult with Dr. Rand on the Iguana Project. They will be staying on BCI.

Also expected to arrive this week is: Jane Sherfy, University of California at Berkeley, on a Short-term Scholarly Studies Fellowship, to study: "Foraging Strategy of Ghost Crabs (*Ocypode gaudichaudii*) on the Pacific coast of Panama". She will be at Naos for three months.

LIBRARY NEWS

Vielka Chang-yau, Librarian at DIAGRO, Santiago de Veraguas, visited the STRI Library February 2nd and 5th. She was briefed on proposed and operating bibliographic technology and various products from the Smithsonian Libraries in Washington. On Feb. 11, Carol Jopling returned the visit to see the collection at DIAGRO, which is a depository for FAO and OAS documents. DIAGRO contributes to Agrindex, a FAO data base "collected from worldwide sources relevant to research and development in the food and agricultural sector and allied fields".

NEWS OF INTEREST

GAIL IRVINE won one of the three BEST PAPER AWARDS at the 1981 meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists. She spoke on: "Can a Grazer Increase Abundance, Reproduction and Persistence of a Preferred Alga? The Case of Polysiphonia and a Damselfish". STEVE GAINES also received one of these awards. There were 80 competitors.