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TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

No noon seminar scheduled for this coming week.

BAMBI SEMINAR

Thursday, July 6, Bambi seminar speaker will be Jorge Ventocilla, STRI, at 7:30pm, Barro Colorado Island

Arte, Cultura y Ecología con los Niños de Kuna Yala

Spanish/*Español*. Reservaciones para transporte y cena son esenciales. Llamar a BCI al 272-2124 a Vielka Rodríguez.

NAOS LAB LUNCHEON

Friday, July 7, Naos Laboratories luncheon seminar speaker will be James Engman, University of Cincinnati

Molecular Analysis of the Marine Algal Genus Halimeda

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Omar López, STRI Short-term fellow from the University of Utah, Jul 1-1 Oct, to study the physiology of *Prioria copaifera* a dominant canopy tree of tropical fresh water swamps, on BCI.
- Lori Hugg, University of Houston at Texas, Jul 1-31, to work with Jeanne Zeh in her project: Female promiscuity meets genomic anarchy in the hybrid zone, at Naos.
- Marisol Estrella, McGill University, Canada, Jul 1-6 Sep, to study the community dynamics of forest settlement: peasant production strategies and their use of forest land resources in Panama, at Tupper.
- Peter Glynn, Andrew Baker and Monica Medina, University of Miami, Jul 4-25, to continue studies on the effects of the 1982-83 El Niño event on tropi-

Reminder ••• Recorderis

Tuesday, July 4 is the United States independence day and a Holiday for STRI ••• *El martes 4 de julio se celebra la independencia de los Estados Unidos y no se labora en STRI.*



A new sign has been placed at the Canopy Access System site, Parque Natural Metropolitano, acknowledging the role of Alan P. Smith, donors, and supporters of the project. In the photo, Aurelio Virgo and Klaus Winter, regular users of the system, descend from the crane after a day's work ••• En el lugar del Sistema de Acceso al dosel, Parque Natural Metropolitano, se colocó recientemente una pancarta en reconocimiento al papel de Alan P. Smith en el proyecto, los que lo apoyaron, y sus benefactores. En la foto, Aurelio Virgo y Klaus Winter, usuarios del sistema, descienden de la grúa luego de un día de trabajo. (Foto: A. Montaner)

eastern Pacific coral reefs: disturbances, causes, recovery and retrospective analysis, at Naos.

- Anne Meylan, Florida Marine Research Institute and Peter Meylan, Eckerd College, FL., Jul 5-27, to study the ecology and migration of marine turtles of Bocas del Toro.
- Laurel Breece, UCLA, and William Breece, Orange Coast College, Jul 6-10 Aug, to do an archaeological investigation of continuity and change at Nata, a Precolumbian and Colonial town in Central Panama.
- Ryan Bartlet, University of Georgia, Jul 7-12 Sep, to work with John Pickering in a Panamanian insect diversity survey and inventory, on mainland and BCI.
- Craig, Catherine and Karen Nutt, Yale University, Jul 7-31, to study the evolutionary etnology of avoidance-learning population heterogeneity of spiders. Evolution and web decoration among spiders, on BCI.

Departures

- Joe Wright, Jul 1-9 Aug, on official visits to Ithaca, and to the NMNH at SI, Washington D.C., and to San Diego, CA, to attend the Association of Tropical Biologists Meeting. He will be on vacation part of the time.

- Mireya Correa, Jul 3-7, to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to present a seminar at the Conference of the Medical Association.
- Héctor Guzmán, Jul 4-8, to Montego Bay, to participate as Panama's delegate in the workshop "Coral Reefs Initiates of the Americas"
- Eldredge Bermingham, Jul 6-12, to Montreal, Canada, to attend the meetings of the Association of Tropical Biologists.

Sobre Eric Amado

Debido a severas complicaciones de las que se recupera rápidamente, Eric Amado aún no ha recibido el trasplante de riñón para el cual viajó a Cali, Colombia. El miércoles, 5 de julio será sometido a una Nefrectomía (extirpación de sus riñones) y se espera que en unas cuatro semanas luego de este procedimiento, se lleve a cabo el trasplante.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

At the Culebra Marine Reserve

Wed, Jul 5	<i>Colegio Mariano Prado</i>
Thu, Jul 6	<i>Instituto Comercial Panamá</i>
Sat, Jul 8	<i>Club Kiwanis de Panamá</i>
Sun, Jul 9	<i>Universidad Santa María La Antigua</i>

At Barro Colorado Island Station

Sat, Jul 1	<i>Colegio La Salle and Cruz Roja</i>
Sun, Jul 2	<i>Colegio Pedro Pablo Sánchez</i>
Sat, Jul 8	<i>Colegio Santa Familia and Centro Educativo Sócrático</i>
Sun, Jul 9	<i>American Foreign Service</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ideas for Ciudad del Saber

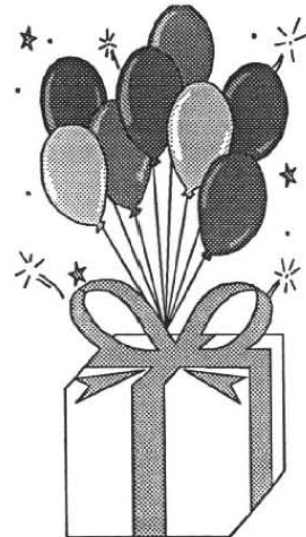
At the recent Summit of the Americas in Miami, Florida, Panamanian President Pérez Balladares presented the idea of a future *Ciudad del Saber*, in Panama. The concept is to turn a former military barracks of the Canal Area, Albrook Air Force Station, all its buildings and its 310 hectare site, into a classroom. A quality training center, based on some of Panama's specific comparative advantages, to meet needs of Latin America and developing countries in the tropics. This center will not compete with existing universities and curricula.

Panamanian officials have requested STRI to play an important role in the configuration of *Ciudad del Saber*. In the short term, we have been requested to provide a couple of pages of ideas on activities that *Ciudad del*

Saber could undertake on its own or, preferable, in collaboration with organizations from around the world. Therefore, we are searching for comments from the STRI community, things you feel might work here in the tropics. All ideas are absolutely welcomed. You may discuss them with Ira Rubinoff or Stanley Heckadon, or send your comments to the Director's Office, Tivoli Building.

STRI July Birthdays

Juan Campos	3
Orelis Arosemena	4
Harry Barnes	5
Dora Justo	10
Raineldo Urriola	16
Orlando Rodriguez	18
Abdiel Osés	19
Oris Acevedo	22
Andres Lee	22
Antonio Montaner	23
Ana L. De la Espada	26
Carlos Grael	26
Egbert Leigh	27
Maria L. Cabrera	27
Alejandro Ureña	28
Ricardo Thompson	30
Marek Zdzikot	31
Fernando Caballero	31



NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS

- Heckadon Moreno, Stanley. 1995. "F.M. Champan, Estudioso de la Naturaleza Panameña." *La Prensa* Junio 29:
- Herrera C., Lil María. 1995. "La Grúa en el Parque Metropolitano: Un Proyecto Unico en el Mundo." *La Prensa* Junio 29: 6A.

Colegio de Biólogos de Panamá

Hoy viernes 30 de junio se llevará a cabo la toma de posesión de la nueva Junta Directiva del Colegio de Biólogos de Panamá (COBIOPA) para el período de 1995-1996. El evento se llevará a cabo en el Restaurante Rey Kung a las 8pm. La nueva junta directiva estará compuesta por Darío Tovar, presidente, Marilyn Diéguez, vice-presidenta, Dionora E. Viquez, secretaria, Yolanda Jiménez, tesorera, Milton García, fiscal y Darío López y Diniz Ramos, vocales. Contribución \$10 (incluye cena). Para mayor información favor comunicarse con Milton García en STRI o con Yolanda Jiménez en el Parque Natural Metropolitano, al 232-5516.