

STRI news

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BAMBI SEMINAR

Thu, Feb 8, Bambi seminar speaker will be Stefan Schnitzer, University of Pittsburgh
The Effects of Lianas on Tree Regeneration in Canopy Gaps: a Dissertation Proposal
There will be a late boat. Please make your reservations at 272-2142.

NAOS LABS LUNCHEON

Fri, Feb 9, Naos Marine Lab Luncheon seminar speakers will be Steve Rehner and Ulrich Müller
Evolutionary Analysis of Attine Symbiosis

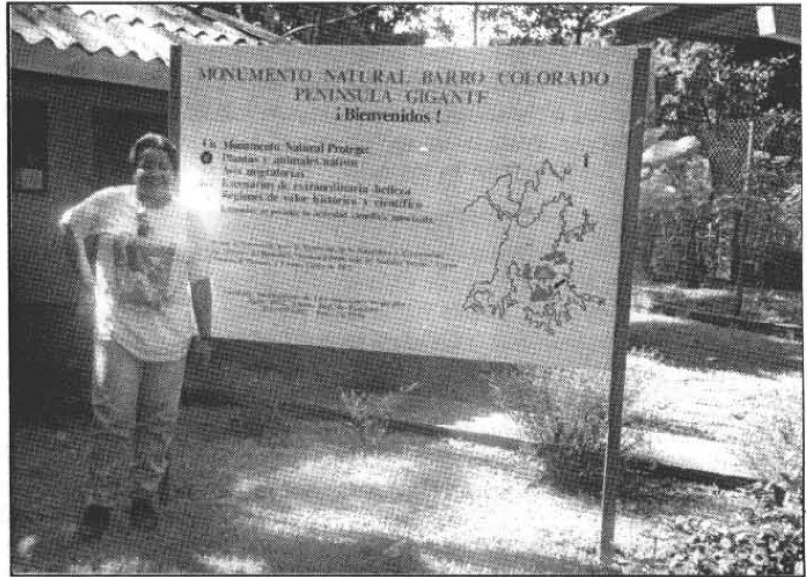
PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Robert Percy, Mellon senior fellow from the University of California, Feb 4-25, to continue integrative studies of photosynthesis and whole plant performance in the understory, at BCI.

Departures

- Harry Barnes, Feb 4-25, to Washington D.C., on official business at SI, and to attend the meetings of the National Association of Marine Laboratories.
- David West, Feb 5-7, to Bryan, Texas, to visit the Dynaem Inc. factory, to do an inspection and test the winch and power system for the R.V. *Urracá*.
- Gabriel Jácome, Feb 5-18, to the Cayos Cochinos Research Station.
- Ira Rubinoff, Feb 6-17, to Los Angeles, CA, to attend the gala opening of the SI 150th anniversary celebrations, then to San Francisco and Dunham, NC, to consult with colleagues and officials of various institutions and foundations.
- Anthony Coates, Feb 6-24, to Los Angeles, CA, to attend the gala opening of the SI 150th anniversary celebrations, and to San Francisco and Durham. Then to Washington D.C. on official business at SI.



BCI scientific coordinator Oris Acevedo stands by the recently installed welcome sign to the Barro Colorado Nature Monument, at the Gigante Peninsula. The sign has information in both Spanish and English and a map of the monument ••• Oris Acevedo, coordinadora científica de BCI aparece junto al recién instalado rótulo de bienvenida al Monumento Natural de Barro Colorado, en la Península de Gigante. El rótulo tiene información en español e inglés y un mapa del monumento.

(Foto: Cortesía de Oris Acevedo)

- Nancy Knowlton, Feb 9-13, to Baltimore, MD, to attend the meetings of the American Associations for the Advancement of Science.
- Elena Lombardo, Feb 9-16, to Guatemala City, to consult with government officials, then to Tegucigalpa and Cayos Cochinos, Honduras, for meetings regarding this research station.
- Héctor Guzmán, Feb 9-18, to the Cayos Cochinos research station.

Aníbal Velarde: STRI's Unsung Hero

Aníbal Velarde Elegido Héroe del Smithsonian

For "outstanding contributions to the Institution through his capabilities and initiatives", Aníbal Velarde, Naos scientific coordinator, was recently recognized as an Smithsonian Unsung Hero. Velarde will travel to Washington D.C. to accept this honor in a ceremony to be held on March 27, as part of the Institution's 150th anniversary celebrations ••• *Aníbal Velarde, coordinador científico de Naos fue elegido héroe del Smithsonian por "contribuciones sobresalientes a la Institución a través de su capacidad e iniciativa. Velarde viajará a Washington a recibir esta distinción durante una ceremonia que se llevará a cabo el 27 de marzo, como parte de las celebraciones del 150avo aniversario del Smithsonian.*

Congratulations

To Fernando Bouche, for his recent graduation as computer systems engineer at the *Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá*. He presented a thesis on the implementation of a messages electronic system using groupwise in a Novell net, at the Smithsonian in Panama.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

From the Mailing Room • De la Oficina de Correos
When using express mail, please be sure to include all copies inside Label 11-B 5/94. These are requested at the Post Office. For more information please contact Everardo Curney, Tupper Center, ext. 252 ••• *Al usar el correo expreso asegúrese de dejar todas las copias de la forma 11-B 5/94, para el uso de los correos. Para mayor información comuníquese con Everardo Curney, Centro Tupper, ext. 252.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRI in the News

Peligran los Arrecifes Panameños, por Mónica Palm, reportera de *La Prensa*. Foto de Juan Maté, STRI. Miércoles 31 de enero, página 1C.

BCI Connected to the Lan

The Barro Colorado Island Station was connected to Groupwise on Wed, Jan 24. The lan was installed at the Computer Room of the new laboratories. Also, the group "BCI" was added to the public groups. For more information please contact Fernando Bouche, at the Tupper Center.

Spanish Lessons for Visitors

PANUSA has offered their services to visitors at STRI interested in Spanish lessons. For more information you may contact Luz Rieras at 229-0957.

NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS

Collins, Laurel S., Coates, Anthony G., Jackson, Jeremy B.C. and Obando, Jorge A. 1995. "Timing and Rates of Emergence of the Limón and Bocas del Toro Basins: Caribbean Effects of Cocos Ridge Subduction?" *Geological Society of America Special Paper* 195: 263-289.
Heckadon-Moreno, Stanley. 1996. "Exploraciones Zoológicas de E.A. Goldman en Darién, 1912." *"Epocas" Segunda Era* 9.

Krause, G. Heinrich, Virgo, Aurelio and Winter, Klaus. 1995. "High Susceptibility to Photoinhibition of Young Leaves of Tropical Forest Trees." *Planta* 197: 583-591.
Ryan, Michael J. and Rand, A. Stanley. 1995. "Female Responses to Ancestral Advertisement Calls in Túngara Frogs." *Science* 269: 390-392.
Ventocilla, Jorge, Núñez, Valerio, Herrera, Francisco, Herrera, Heraclio and Chapin, Mac. 1995. "Los Indígenas Kunas y la Conservación Ambiental." *Mesoamérica* 29: 95-124.
Werren, John H., Windsor, Donald M. and Guo, L. 1995. "Distribution of *Wolbachia* Among Neotropical Arthropods." *Proceeding of the Royal Society of London B* 262: 197-204.

February STRI Birthdays

- Fernando Santos-Granero 1 ★
- Plinio Góndola 2
- Martin Moynihan 5
- Gilberto Batista 6
- Eduardo Navarro 6
- Mireya Correa 6
- Gloria Zelaya 7
- Karl Kaufmann 8
- Roberto Borrell 10
- Luis Carlos López 10
- Isis Ivancic 12
- Ricardo Cortez 14
- Georgina de Alba 15
- Walter Dillon 18
- Robin Foster 18
- Alvaro González 27
- Cónsul Chamorro 28
- Vielka Chang-Yau 29



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For Sale

Living room set (one sofa, two chairs and two wooden end tables) \$500. For more information, please call Mercedes Denis.

At the Corotú Restaurant ••• En "El Corotú"

Don't miss the new menu at the Corotú Restaurant, including "low calorie" meals. Also, starting at 7:30am, a complete breakfast will be served ••• *Pruebe el nuevo menú en el Restaurante Corotú, con comidas de dietas, y a partir de las 7:30am se servirá desayuno completo.*

From: USER 2 BCI
To: stri
Date: Friday, February 2, 1996 8:38 am
Subject: Bambi Change

To: STRI personnel

From: Mitch Allen - BCI Bambi "jefe"

The Bambi seminar for the upcoming week has been moved from Thursday, February 8 to Wednesday, February 7. The speaker will be Stefan Schnitzer, and the title of his talk will be:

"The effects of lianas on tree regeneration in canopy gaps: a dissertation proposal."

As always, please call BCI to make dinner and late boat reservations if you plan to attend.

Thank you,

Mitch Allen