

STRI news

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TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, August 6. If you want to give a seminar, please contact Neal Smith.

BAMBI SEMINAR

Thursday, August 8, Bambi seminar speaker will be Douglas Altshuler, Purdue University

Ant-Plant Interactions: Effects of Ectatomma ruidum on the Pollination and Fruit Removal of Psychotria limonensis (Rubiaceae)

Transportation and dinner reservations are essential.

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- David Marsh, University of California, Aug 5-3 Sep, to work on the effects of breeding pond distribution on the reproduction of a tropical frog, at BCI.
- Catherine Bevier, Philadelphia College, Aug 7-15, to study thermal ecology, organismal performance and muscle biochemistry of three hylid frogs, in Gamboa.
- Gerhard Zotz, University of Wurzburg, Aug 7-20, to continue studies on the ecology of tropical epiphytes, at BCI.

Departures

- Richard Condit, Aug 3-25, to Seattle, WA, to attend the AIBS meeting, then to consult with colleagues at Oregon State University. Condit will also visit Providence, RI, to attend the Tropical Biology and Ecological Society of American meetings, and to visit the Chicago Field Museum.
- Annette Aiello, Stanley Heckadon, Beth King, Dolores Piperno and Argelis Ruiz-Guevera, Aug 4-12, to Washington D.C., to work at the STRI tent during the SI birthday celebration.
- Ira Rubinoff, Aug 7-21, on official business to the United States at SI for the 150th anniversary celebrations, to attend the Ecological Society of American meetings, and meet with officials of various institutions and organizations.

Reminder ••• Recorderis

STRI will celebrate the SI 150th anniversary on Friday, August 9 ••• STRI celebrará los 150 años del Smithsonian el día viernes, 9 de agosto.



On Wed, Jul 30, Ricardo Cortez was named "Honorary Scientist (Emeritus)" for having "demonstrated, during twenty years of collaboration with the staff and fellows of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, the same dedication to work, ingenuity in problem solving, and services to his fellow human beings that are the principle characteristics of a fine scientist..." In the photo, Ira Rubinoff presents the certificate to Ricardo Cortez, during his retirement party, at BCI.

(M.A. Guerra)

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buses to Gamboa ••• Transporte a Gamboa

The SACA agency of buses that commute between Panama and Gamboa is facing difficulties to meet with schedules, especially in the mornings. Thus, it is departing from Panama 10 minutes ahead of time. According to SACA officials, the schedule will return to normal as soon as new buses arrive ••• La agencia de buses SACA de la ruta Panamá-Gamboa está teniendo problemas para cumplir con sus horarios. Debido a esto están saliendo de Panamá con 10 minutos de anticipación en las mañanas. De acuerdo a SACA, los horarios volverán a la normalidad tan pronto reciban nuevos buses, próximos a llegar.

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AT THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION #340

You may find information on training, congresses, opportunities, etc., that is too long to publish. Some of this information concerns:

- International Symposium on Sustainable Utilization of Biodiversity, March 1997, Dehra Dun, India.
- Programa y Procedimientos para la Asignación de Fondos a ONGs y Afines, Período 1996-1997.

- VIII Congreso Iberoamericano de Biodiversidad y Zoología de Vertebrados, 22-25 abril, 1997, Chile.
- The Pangea Foundation 1996 General Consultation, October 1-3, Prague application for registration.
- Invitation: Socio-Economic Benefits of Integrated Coastal Zone Managements, ICZM, 9-14 Dec, 1996, World Trade Center Bremen, Germany.

MISCELLANEOUS

SI Unsung Heroes

Héroes Desconocidos del Smithsonian

If you know of somebody at STRI who is always willing to lend a helping hand, has gone an extra mile and has performed above and beyond his/her assigned duties, please nominate him/her as an Smithsonian Unsung Hero. Any employee can nominate an unsung hero. They will receive a monetary award and an special pin. Forms to nominate "unsung heroes" can be found at any STRI facility. August 15 is the deadline to nominate October selections. September 15 is the deadline for November selections and September 30 is the deadline for December selections. For more information please contact the Human Resources Office at Tivoli ••• *Si usted sabe de alguien en STRI que siempre está dispuesto/a a ayudar, se ha esforzado más allá de lo usual y hace más de lo que indican sus funciones, nóminelo para ser una de los héroes desconocidos del Smithsonian. Ellos recibirán un premio en efectivo y un "pin" especial. Cualquier empleado puede nominar a otro para ser un héroe desconocido. Las formas para nominar héroes desconocidos se encuentran en todas las instalaciones de STRI. El 15 de agosto será la última fecha para las selecciones de Octubre. El 15 de septiembre es la última fecha para noviembre y el 30 de septiembre es la última fecha para diciembre. Para mayor información favor ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de Recursos Humanos en Tivoli.*

Oportunidad de Contrato

Los dueños de 100 hectáreas vírgenes en Santa Rita, Sierra Llorona, Colón, están interesados en realizar un inventario ecológico de flora y fauna del área. Interesados favor ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de Educación en el Centro Tupper.

Yellow Pages at Internet

You may find addresses and telephone numbers of just about any business listed within the U.S. at "http://superpages.gte.net/" • "http://s16bigyellow.com/" • "http://www.telephonebook.com."