

STRI NEWSARRIVING MR. MICHAEL COLLINS

As it was previously announced, Mr. Michael Collins, Under Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, will visit STRI from Sunday, May 20 - Thursday, May 24th. On Monday, May 21st, Mr. Collins will visit Ancon Hill, the Tivoli Offices, Galeta, and Barro Colorado Island, where he will be staying overnight. On Tuesday, he will visit the STRI library, the Ancon facilities (where he will be attending the luncheon seminar), and in the afternoon, tour the Naos marine facilities. A visit with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Ambler Moss, Jr., has been scheduled for Wednesday morning, as well as a tentative visit with President A. Royo. That afternoon, Mr. Collins, accompanied by members of the STRI staff, will visit Taboga and Taboguilla Islands aboard the R.V. *Stenella*, to observe the bird colonies on these islands. Mr. Collins will be returning to Washington on Thursday morning.

We welcome Mr. Collins to STRI, and hope for sunny days during his tour of the STRI facilities.

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, May 22nd will be given by Dr. Tom Poulson, from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Poulson will be speaking on: "Rigor, variability and predictability: Insight for the tropical biologist from temperate caves". The seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Also arriving this week are:

- May 19 - Thomas Antonio, to work for Missouri Botanical Garden. Mr. Antonio will be the new herbarium curator when Barry Hammel returns to the U.S.
- May 20 - Arriving Doctors Nobuo Suga and Dr. William O'Neill, from Washington University, to collect bats for their scientific studies. They will be leaving on the 23rd.

Leaving this week:

- May 20 - R. Olberg after a stay of several months on BCI.

NOTICE ON SPECIMENS & SAMPLES STORED IN FREEZERS ON BARRO COLORADO ISLAND

The two deep-freezers in the Animal House on BCI are to be moved to another location. Prior to the move, the freezers will be defrosted and cleaned. All specimens not tagged or otherwise claimed will be disposed of.

The freezers will be defrosted and cleaned on Friday, May 25. All persons interested in claiming specimens are urged to be present or send a memo describing what they have and how it should be tagged.

In the future, all materials deposited for storage must be tagged with the owner's name, the date, contents of the package, and a "termination date" after which the material may be discarded. Our storage space is very limited and priority will be given to ongoing research projects.

(This is a repetition of a memo sent by Dr. Silberglied to STRI staff and researchers, which has been posted on all bulletin boards.

Mr. Carlos Peñate was the fatal victim of a hit and run accident last Saturday night. Mr. Peñate, who worked as a carpenter at STRI will be greatly missed.

A special collection is being made for the Peñate family among the members of the STRI staff. Anyone who would like to make a contribution, should contact Ms. Patsy McKay at the Tivoli.

FESTIVAL OF FILMS DURING ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK

The Office of Conservation and Environmental Education is planning a festival of films on subjects having to do with the environment during the "Semana del Medio Ambiente" June 1 - 8. The festival will be at the Museo del Hombre Panameno. We will be announcing the program during the coming week.

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