

# STRI news

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## TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

Tuesday, September 3, noon seminar speaker will be Robert Stallard, U.S. Geological Survey

*Reconstruction of Isthmian Hydrology*

## BAMBI SEMINAR

Thursday, September 5, Bambi seminar speaker will be Shelle Morehead, University of Utah

*Paraponera clavata: A Face Only a Mother Phorid Fly Could Love*

## PEOPLE

### Arrivals

- Wayne Sousa, Jonathan Levine and Swee Peck Quek, University of California at Berkeley, Aug 31-8 Sep, to carry out studies of patterns and mechanisms of canopy tree regeneration in a Caribbean mangrove forest.
- Don Levitan, Florida State University, Aug 31-8 Sep, to work on a coral spawning project with Nancy Knowlton and Juan Mate, at Naos.
- Robert Stallard, U.S. Geological Survey, Colorado, Sep 2, to work on the monitoring of natural resources in the Panama Canal Watershed Project Soils and Hydrology, on BCI.
- Dorset Trapnell, University of Georgia, Sep 3-18, to work with James Hamrick on the comparative population genetics of two tropical tree species from BCI, Panama and Palo Verde, Costa Rica.
- Barney Schlinger and Fritz Hertel, University of California, Sep 5-23, to work on the neural basis for a sexually dimorphic behavior, at Gamboa.

### Departures

- Mary Jane West-Eberhard, Sep 2-17, to Sao Paulo, Brazil, at the invitation

- of the Brazilian Genetics Society, to participate in their meetings.
- Ira Rubinoff, Sep 3-10, to Washington D.C., on official business at the Duke University and SI.
- Tony Coates, Sep 3-1 Nov, to Ecuador, to take an intensive Spanish course and do field research. Then to Denver, Colorado, to attend the meetings of the Geological Society of America
- Joe Wright, Sep 5-25, to Manu, Perú, to visit John Terbourgh's research site.

### On Leave

- Jorge Ventocilla will take leave during the months of September and October to work with the Wildlife Conservation Society in Bolivia, on studies of the Izozeño people in the Bolivian Chaco. Then to visit a conservation project on the Tambopata River in Peru and present a conference at the Universidad de Lima.

### New Baby Boy ••• Otro Varoncito

Congratulations to Alejandro Arze and Carla López for the birth of their son Sebastián Felipe on Saturday, August 24 at 3:30am. He weighed 8 pounds and was 52 cms long ••• *Felicitaciones a Alejandro Arze y a Carla López por el nacimiento de su hijo Sebastián Felipe, el sábado 24 de agosto a las 3:30am. Pesó 8 libras y midió 52 cm.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CYTED Workshop in Panama

Scientists at STRI are invited to participate at the IOCD/CYTED International Joint Symposium on "Chemistry, Biological and Pharmaceutical Properties of Medicinal Plants from the Americas that will take place in Panama, from February 23-26 at the Plaza Paitilla Inn Hotel. Lecture topics will include the quest for new biologically active natural products; Iberoamerican Celastraceae; phytochemistry and biological activities; pharmacological validation of medicinal plants used in primary health care of Brazilian folk medicine; bioactive compounds from selected Mexican medicinal plants, and others. Plenary and selected short lectures will be published in the form of a book of proceedings. Closing date for submission of abstracts is October 15, 1996 and for the registration to attend is December 1, 1996. Interested please contact Mahabir Gupta, Symposium's International Coordinator at (507)269-7654 or (507)223-3487 • Fax (507)264-0789 and (507)223-7633. You may also write to Apartado 10767, Estafeta Universitaria, Panamá or • E-mail: mgupta@ancon.up.ac.pa or gupta@pananet.com. You may also find more detailed information at the Office of Education, Tupper Center #340.

### Congreso de Desarrollo Sostenible en Los Santos

La Universidad Santa María La Antigua invita a la comunidad de STRI a su Primer Congreso Nacional de Desarrollo Sostenible y Medio