TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

Tuesday, September 24, noon seminar speaker will be Christian Peeters, Laboratoire d’Ecologie, Universite de Paris

How is Reproductive Activity Regulated in Ants Without Queens

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Fernando Valladares, Mellon senior fellow from the University of California, Sep 21-20 Oct, to work with Robert Pearcy on integrative studies of photosynthesis and whole plant performance in the understory of BCI.
- Alejandro Farji, Laboratorio Ecotomo, Argentina, Sep 21-13 Oct, to work on the importance on where to hide garbage: seed banks associated with Atta cephalotes and Atta colombica nests and their influence on the colonization of abandoned ant nests, on a Mellon Exploratory Research Award, at BCI and the OTS in Costa Rica.
- Claudia Medina, Laboratorio Ecotomo, Argentina, Sep 21-13 Oct, to work with Alejandro Farji at BCI and the OTS in Costa Rica.
- Patrick O’Hara, Simon Frazer University, Sep 23-Apr ’97, to study the site choice and fidelity and survivorship in the Western Sandpiper (Calidris mauri) on Wintering Grounds in Panama.
- Eldredge Bermingham, Sep 24-30, on official business at STRI.
- Charles Handley, SI National Museum of Natural History, Sep 25-6 Nov, to continue studies on the demography and natural history of figs on BCI.
- William Snedden, Short-term visitor from the University of Kansas, Sep 26-10 Oct, to work on the chorus structure and female choice in túngara frogs, at Gamboa.

Nicolás Almanza to Retire • • • Se Jubila Nicolás Almanza

Nicolás Almanza, in charge of processing documents at the Office of External Affairs, will retire on September 30. Almanza was born in Chorrera and began working for STRI in 1968. Before that he worked at different departments of the Panama Canal Commission and had experience in the construction and agriculture sectors. Using his knowledge in public offices and thanks to his congenial personality, Almanza turned into a valuable documents expeditor to scientists and visitors of all nationalities at STRI. Nicolás Almanza, a cargo de procesar documentación en la Oficina de Asuntos Externos se jubila el 30 de septiembre. Almanza nació en Chorrera, y empezó a trabajar en STRI en 1968. Antes de eso había trabajado en diferentes departamentos de la Comisión del Canal de Panamá y tenía experiencia en los sectores de la construcción y la agricultura. Con el buen uso de sus conocimientos en oficinas públicas y gracias a su amable personalidad, Almanza se convirtió en un valioso asistente en el manejo de documentación para científicos y visitantes de todas las nacionalidades, en STRI.

Departures

- Richard Cooke, Sep 23-30, at the invitation of the government of Canada, to present seminars in Quebec at McGill University, the University of Montreal, Quebec University and Laval University.
- Héctor Guzmán, Sep 23-24, to La Ceiba, Honduras, on official business.
Everardo G. Curney to Retire 

Everardo Gustave Curney, in charge at the mail department at STRI will retire on September 30. Curney was born in Puerto Armuelles, Chiriqui, and before coming to STRI in 1975 he worked in maintenance and mechanics, drove children to school, had his own taxi and guided tourists. He cooked good bread at one time, and will probably do it again after retirement. Curney started as a messenger at STRI and came to be our senior postmaster and “star” mail specialist. We will certainly miss his friendly and pleasant presence at STRI •••

AT HUMAN RESOURCES

The Office of Human Resources recently received new information on "breast cancer" from the SI Office of Employee Assistance Programs. This information is available to all STRI employees. ••• La Oficina de Recursos Humanos recibió recientemente nueva información sobre el "cáncer en la mama" de la Oficina de Programas de Asistencia a los Empleados del Smithsonian. Esta información está disponible para todos los empleados.

MISCELLANEOUS

Simposium Souvenirs Sale

Baratillo de Recordatorios del Simposio

Coral Reef Symposium souvenirs (t-shirts, caps, umbrellas, coffee mugs) will be on sale starting next week at the STRI minibookstore. For attendants to the Tuesday seminar a table will be placed in front of the conference hall with these items. Cash, checks or plastic will be accepted. You will buy one and get the second "almost" for free ••• Recordatorios del Simposio de Arrecifes Coralinos (camisetas, gorras, paraguas, tazas para café) estarán en baratillo a partir de la próxima semana en la mini-librería de STRI. Habrá una mesa especial para los asistentes del seminario el martes en Tupper. Se aceptarán efectivo, cheques y tarjetas de crédito. Si compra un recordatorio, el siguiente le saldrá casi gratis. Todos están bienvenidos.