

# STRI news

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STRI and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) held their "Tropical Forest Canopy Symposium" from March 10-13 at the Earl S. Tupper Research and Conference Center. The group, including more than 60 specialists from over 23 nations and organizers, gathered at the Tupper Corotú Plaza during the congress, for their official photo ••• STRI y el Programa Ambiental de las Naciones Unidas (UNEP) llevaron a cabo el Congreso del Dosel del Bosque Tropical en el Centro de Investigaciones y Conferencias Earl S. Tupper, del 10 al 13 de marzo de 1997. El grupo, incluyendo más de 60 especialistas de más de 23 países y los organizadores, se reunió para una foto oficial del evento en la Plaza Corotú del Centro Tupper.

(Foto: M.A. Guerra)

## TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

Tuesday, April 1, noon seminar speaker will be Jessica Eberhard, Princeton University

*The Evolution of Nest-Building Behavior in Parrots*

## BAMBI SEMINAR

Thursday, April 3, Bambi seminar speaker will be Carmi Korine, University of Haifa

*Birds, Bats and Removal Rates from Strangler Figs*

## MAIN COMING EVENTS

- English Writing Course (last group) starting Wed, Apr 2 through Fri, Apr 18. The course is on Mon-

days, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10am to 12m at the Tupper Center Large Meeting Room.

- Short-term Fellows meeting, Thu, Apr 3, 2:30pm
- Dedication of the Barro Colorado Island Visitors Center, Friday, April 4, 3:30pm. Invitations and instructions to attend the ceremony will be distributed at every facility.

## PEOPLE

### Arrivals

- Milton Smith, University of Washington, Mar 31-4 Apr, to work on the project "How does the spatial scale of changes in Tropical Forest Phenology Contribute to Seasonal Multispectral Canopy Measurement", at Tupper.

- Nancy Knowlton, STRI, Apr 1-9, to continue research in Panama and participate in part of the film documentary being made at STRI by the Scientific American Production.
- Courtney Murren, University of Connecticut, Apr 1-22 Dec, to study the gene flow in discontinuous populations of the epiphytic orchid, at BCI.
- Steven Mulkey and Kaoru Kitajima, University of Missouri, to work with Joe Wright, at the Tupper Center.
- Edward Morrow, Mathew Gage and Paula Stockley, Apr 1-6 Jun, University of Liverpool, to carry out a comparative study of the reproductive anatomy, physiology and mating systems in nocturnal Lepidoptera, at Gamboa.
- Bruce Lyon, University of Calgary, Canada, Apr 1-15, to study the social signaling in Ocellated antbirds, in Gamboa.
- Mike Robinson, SI National Zoological Park Director, Apr 1-5, to attend the inauguration of the BCI Visitors Center and meet with STRI colleagues.
- Joseph Donlon, Short-term fellow from Arizona, Apr 3-24 Jun, to work on the observation of flotsam and colonized marine invertebrates in the tropical Pacific, at Naos.
- Vera Thomas, University of Wurzburg, Apr 4-15 Jun, to work with Gerold Schmidt studying an ant-epiphyte association; costs and benefits for the epiphyte, at BCI.

**Departures**

- Dolores Piperno, Apr 1-5, to Nashville, TN, to attend the meetings of the Society for American Archaeology.

**FROM THE HUMAN RE-**

**Change in Tax Withholdings**

***Cambios en Impuestos Tributarios***

The employees will notice that federal and local tax withholdings will show a



*Del 17 al 21 de febrero se llevó a cabo la XI Reunión Interamericana de Bibliotecarios, Documentalistas y Especialistas de Información en el Centro Tupper, con la participación de bibliotecarios de 17 países. La organización del evento estuvo a cargo del personal de la Biblioteca de STRI y la Dirección técnica de la Fundación Pro-Biblioteca Nacional.*

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slight increase beginning Pay Period 5, due to a formula change to accommodate 27 pay periods in tax year 1997 ••• Todos los empleados van a notar un ligero aumento en las deducciones tributarias a partir del Período de Pago N°5. Esto se debe a una modificación en la fórmula para poder recoger 27 períodos de pago en el año tributario 1997.

**NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS**

- Dalling, J.W., Harms, K.E., Eberhard, J.R. and Candanedo, I. 1996. "Natural History and Uses of Tagua (*Phytelephas seemannii*) in Panamá." *Principes* 40(1): 16-23.
- Harms, Kyle E. and Dalling, James W. 1995. "Observations on the Seasonal Consistency in Germination Timing for *Scheelea zonensis*" *Principes* 39(2): 104-106.
- Kite, G.C., Scotfield, A.M., Lees, D.C., Hugues, M. and Smith, Neal G. 1997. "Alkaloidal Glycosidase Inhibitors and Digestive Glycosidase Inhibition in Specialist and Generalist Herbivores of *Omphalea diandra*." *Journal of Chemical Ecology* 23(1): 119-135.