

VICTIMS OF AIRPLANE CRASH IN CHINA

Dr. Lin Gressit and his wife, Peg, were among the 112 people aboard the Chinese plane that crashed 250 miles northwest of Canton. Dr. Gressit, Chairman of the Department of Entomology of the B.P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, was the founder of the Wau Ecology Institute in Papua New Guinea. Dr. Gressit authored more than 150 papers on subjects ranging from biogeography to ecology of the antarctic region; his death is a great loss to science.

The Gressits had been invited to China, where they had lived as missionaries prior to the Communist Revolution. Their death is a particular loss to Michael and Barbara Robinson and Martin Moynihan, who were close personal friends of the Gressits, and to them we extend our most sincere sympathy.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

May 1 - Arriving, DR. AKIRA OKUBO, SUNY, for two weeks to conduct wildlife observations on BCI.

Returning, BOB AND LYNN KIMSEY to continue their research on Lutzomyia lizard malaria vector research and Euglossine bees respectively. They will be at BCI until the end of July.

Arriving, Eugene Schupp, Univ. of Iowa, to work with Dr. Henry Howe on the ecology of a neotropical dispersal system on BCI.

May 3 - Arriving, GUADALUPE WILLIAMS, INIREB, Mexico, to conduct a comparative study of tropical rain forests of Panama and Mexico. She will be on BCI.

Arriving, DR. VIRGINIA NAPLES, University of Illinois to study the functional morphology of feeding in anteaters. She will be at BCI for three weeks.

May 7 - Returning, Dr. Steve Hubbell, Univ. of Iowa, to continue the detailed preparation of the map of a 50 ha section of BCI. He will be here until August.

Returning also, Dr. Leslie Johnson, Univ. of Iowa, to work on a comparative study of sexual selection in Brentid weevils. She will be at BCI until August.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, May 4th, will be given by DR. AKIRA OKUBO, State University of New York at Stony Brook, who will speak at Ancon on:

1. A study of midge swarming:  
Anareti pritchandi Kim (Diptera: Cecidomyidae)
2. Plankton patchiness in the sea and lakes.

Although Dr. Okubo is a well-known mathematician, his seminar will not involve a great deal of mathematics.

On Friday, May 7th, Theo Jacobs, Wageningen University, will give an informal seminar on BCI. The subject of his seminar will be:

Bufo typhonius: natural history and population dynamics.

This seminar will be after dinner in the BCI Lounge, please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Butler (252-2142) if you plan to attend.

LIBRARY NEWS

The CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION is now available for consultation in the STRI Library. This publication has a very interesting section on fellowships and employment opportunities.

In keeping with the spirit of National Volunteer Week, which we learned about at STRI a week late, the STRI Library would like to recognize the fine work contributed to the Library's programs by its 5 competent and loyal volunteers.

ANN BRECHER and ZARA ROBERTS scan journals for references to STRI and Panama for the STRI and Panama bibliographies. PAT BENNETT, a professional librarian, reorganized and ordered vertical file materials. HELEN SCHLAPAK, reconciled Congressional References to STRI for a bibliography and is now putting the map collection in order. LEA LIGON, the Library's youngest volunteer from Balboa High School, comes daily to shelve books and has contributed willingly to many projects, from organizing reprints to ordering the supply closet. All of these people bring a wide variety of experience and expertise to the Library which is very grateful for their efforts.

MAY DAY - OFFICIAL PANAMANIAN HOLIDAY

Please note that all businesses and commercial establishments will be closed tomorrow, May 1ST, Labor Day in the Republic of Panama.

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VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Christine Kenyen (282-3120) and Jenny Blair (282-3593) high school students at Balboa High School wish to volunteer their services to assist researchers at STRI.

NOTES OF INTEREST

- Dr. Ray Watten, the new Director of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, will be arriving in Panama today, to assume his new duties.
- Since summer vacation for college students in the U.S. is shortly coming up, we have received various inquiries from students interested in assisting STRI researchers during the summer vacation (some even on a volunteer basis). At present there are no STRI funds available for this purpose, but if there is anyone interested in recruiting an assistant and has funds available for this purpose, letters and requests from interested students are available in Georgina de Alba's office.
- It's better to be safe than sorry--- so when going to areas in the city that may be unsafe it would be advisable to take a taxi or ask a friend to give you a ride.
- There were changes in the Panamanian Cabinet during the past week and Dr. Edith Jimenez de Bethancourt was named the new Ministry of Health, and Dr. Jose Dutari, the new Vice-Minister. Dr. Bethancourt was formerly Vice-Minister Of Health and is familiar with the Contract between STRI and that Ministry authorizing the Institute to conduct scientific research in Panama.

EXXON FELLOWS SELECTED

The following students have been awarded EXXON grants to conduct their thesis research:

ITZEL ANGULO, University of Panama  
"Bases para estudios de la ecología y biología de larvas de peces en la Bahía de Panamá".

JOSE CHANG & ABY SOLIS, University of Panama  
"Variación de organismos que componen el zooplancton y determinación de la biomasa en el área del Golfo de Panamá".

AXEL CALDERON & LIGIA RIVERA, University of Panama  
"Relaciones tróficas de las poblaciones de peces béticos de la Bahía de Panamá".

MARTA LUCIA MARTINEZ, Universidad del Valle  
"Estudio sobre la duración y secuencia de la nidificación de Pelecanus occidentalis en la Isla de Taboga, Bahía de Panamá".

CECILIO PUGA, University of Miami  
"Influence of vesicular-arbuscular mychorrhizae on competition between corn and weeds in Panama".

ARGELIS RUIZ, University of Panama  
"La tortuga marina, Dermodochelys coriacea en Playa Piña, Provincia de Colón".

CAROLINA SERRET Y MALLANY RICHARDS, University of Panama  
"Contribución a la biología de las mojarras, Eucinostomus californiensis

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