

# STRI news

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## TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

Tuesday, November 11, is a holiday and there will be no seminar. If you are interested in giving a seminar please contact Neal G. Smith, at the Tupper Center.

## PEOPLE

### Arrivals

- Lisa Petit, SI Migratory Bird Center, Nov 13 - Dec 2, to study the stability of tropical forests and tropical forest fauna on military installations of the Panama Canal Area.
- Brian Wilsey, McGill University, Nov 13 - Jan, 1998, to study the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment on carbon storage and species growth in a tropical mixed-species plantation ecosystem, on mainland.

### Departures

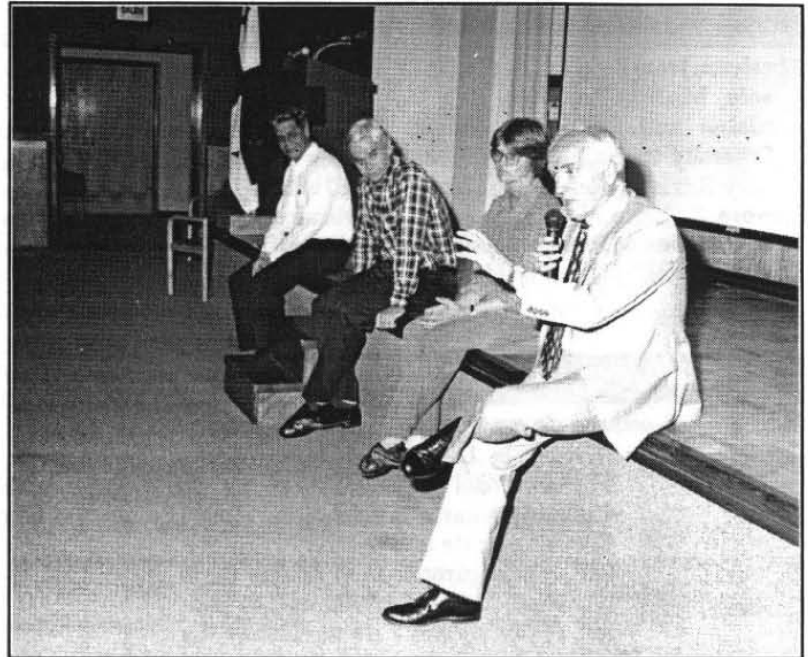
- Paul Colinvaux, Nov 9-14, to The Hague, Netherlands, at an invitation to present the 1997 WNO/Huygens Lecture; then to Leiden, Netherlands, to participate in a symposium.

## THINGS TO KNOW

### At the Tupper Center ••• En Tupper

You will find information and announcements that concerns all employees, on:

- E-mail and Record Keeping, by J. Dennis O'Connor, SI Provost
- Training Opportunity: Grant Funding Resources
- Forms to nominate "Unsung Heroes"
- 1998 Application for Smithsonian Institution Fellowships: Senior Postdoctoral • Predoctoral • Graduate Student
- Copies of the new *Smithsonian Opportunities, 1997-98: For Research and Study in History • Art • Science*, at the Office of Education.



STRI scientists Luis D'Croz, Richard Cooke, Nancy Knowlton and Anthony Coates, answered questions after the presentation of "Historia de Dos Océanos", to a full auditorium at Tupper, on Thursday, October 30, organized by the Fundación Smithsonian. These scientists, along with Héctor Guzmán, were featured in this documentary filmed in Panamá by Expedición, and coproduced by RPC Televisión and Radio Caracas ••• Luis D'Croz, Richard Cooke, Nancy Knowlton y Anthony Coates, investigadores de STRI, contestaron preguntas después de la presentación de "Historia de Dos Océanos", a un lleno en el Auditorio del Centro Tupper el jueves 30 de octubre, organizada por la Fundación Smithsonian. Estos científicos, junto con Héctor Guzmán, fueron presentados en este documental filmado en Panamá por Expedición, y co-producido por RPC Televisión y Radio Caracas.

(Foto: Cortesía de la Fundación Smithsonian)

### From the Education Office ••• De La Oficina de Educación

During Adriana Bilgray's maternity leave, Olga Barrio will be taking over her duties in the Office of Education. Lidia de Valencia and Dayra Navarro will now be handling the scheduling of educational visits to the Culebra Marine Exhibition center and the Tupper Insect Exhibit ••• Durante el período de licencia por maternidad de Adriana Bilgray, asistente educativa en la Oficina de Becas y Educación, Olga Barrio se encargará de sus funciones. Lidia de Valencia y Dayra Navarro se encargarán de manejar el programa de visitas educativas al Centro de Exhibiciones Marinas de Punta Culebra y a la exhibición de Insectos en el Centro Tupper.

## NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS

- Abraham, Jean-Prosper, Benja, Rakitinirina, Randriana-solo, Mady, Ganzhorn, Jorg U., Jeannoda, Vololoniaina and Leigh, Jr., Egbert Giles. 1997. "Tree Diversity on Small Plots in Madagascar: A Preliminary Review." *Rev. Ecol. (Terre et Vie)* 51: 93-116.
- Cambra, Roberto A. and Quintero A., Diomedes. 1997. "A Revision of *Protophopsis* Schuster (Hymenoptera: Mutillidae)." *Journal of Hymenoptera Research* 6(2): 263-272.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vida y Costumbres de un Pueblo Precolombino**

STRI y la Dirección del Patrimonio Histórico del Instituto Nacional de Cultura invitan a la exhibición "Vida y Costumbres de un Pueblo Precolombino", a inaugurarse en el Museo de la Nacionalidad en La Villa de Los Santos, el día viernes 7 de noviembre. La

exhibición describe los antecedentes culturales e históricos de Cerro Juan Díaz y expone los primeros resultados de la investigación arqueológica allí realizada. El proyecto arqueológico Cerro Juan Díaz se dedica a documentar y proteger el patrimonio cultural. El equipo de arqueólogos que trabajan en el cerro promueve la educación a la comunidad sobre la importancia de estos recursos a través de eventos educativos (como esta exhibición) y la participación de la comunidad en la investigación. Si desea visitar Cerro Juan Díaz y participar de esta experiencia llame al Laboratorio de Arqueología de Los Santos, tel. 966-9878, o al Laboratorio de Arqueología de STRI al tel. 228-0437.

**Fellowships to Assist Research and Artistic Creation**

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation offers fellowships to further the development of scholars and artists by assisting them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions. The fellowships are awarded to men and women who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts. Completed applications must be submitted no later than December 1, 1997. Requests for application forms should be addressed to: John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foun-

ation, 90 Park Ave, New York, NY 10016 • Phone: (212)687-4470 • Fax: (212)697-324 • E-mail: fellowships@gf.org • Web: <http://www.gf.org/>

**3-Year Tupper Postdoctoral Fellowship**

STRI invites applications for the annual Tupper 3-year postdoctoral fellowship. Disciplines include ecology, anthropology, paleontology, evolution, behavior and physiology of tropical plants or animals. Research should be based at one of the STRI facilities; proposals that include comparative research in other tropical countries will be considered. Applications should include a research proposal (less than 10 pages including budget), a c.v., two letters of reference, and names and telephone numbers of three additional professional references. Applicants should identify a STRI scientific staff member who will serve as advisor and consult this person before final application. Annual stipend \$28,000 with yearly travel and research allotments. Deadline: Jan 15, 1998. E-mail: fellows@tivoli.si.edu.

**Carta a STRI**

*Es para mí un gran placer dirigirme a todo el personal del Instituto Smithsonian y a todos los científicos, en especial al Dr. Joe Wright, para manifestar conjuntamente con mi familia nuestro más sincero agradecimiento por la gran ayuda que, de manera desinteresada, me brindaron a fin de que lograra viajar para mi trasplante de médula ósea.*

*Hoy día, gracias a Dios, estoy bastante recuperado luego de mi trasplante, y no me resta más que decirles "Gracias" a todos aquellos que contribuyeron en esta humilde causa.*

*Actualmente me estoy reintegrando a mi labor como operador de grúa, el día 4 de noviembre de 1997.*

*Con mucho aprecio,*

*Marek Zdzikot*

## MISCELLANEOUS

**For Sale**

Brand new computer workstation, 2-tones varnish wood, 4 bookshelves, 3 drawers. Approx size: h: 70-1/2"; w: 53"; d: 19-1/4". Small printer table, wood, varnished, approx. w: 23-3/4"; d: 18". Well made by Tiscar. \$500. Interested please contact Rosa Zambrano.