



STRI NEWSLETTER

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SCIENTIFIC STAFF MEETING

The regular scientific staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room. Prompt attendance will be greatly appreciated.

NEW STRI BILL COLLECTING POLICY

Due to the fact that STRI is owed over \$30,000 in overdue bills, and that this restricts our operations, especially research, we will start implementing a new, more severe policy, effective June 1, 1982. This policy will apply to all visitors and STRI staff with outstanding bills of 60 days or more. Besides the 2% monthly service charge, which is currently being applied, STRI will suspend all services to debtors. This includes secretarial services, use of telephone accounts, procurement services, housing facilities, etc. Mrs. Maggiori will send a monthly list of all persons in this category, to all the facilities, to insure that this new policy is applied. Anyone who has a problem that justifies delay in payments, should contact Mrs. Maggiori. She will present individual cases to a STRI committee for the necessary evaluation and decision.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, May 11th will be given by Debra Hoffmaster, Texas Tech University. The subject of her seminar will be:

Interference competition in araneid spiders: implications for community structure.

This seminar will be at Ancon.

and

The Thursday seminar at Naos will be given by Dr. Akira Okubo, State University of New York at Stony Brook. This seminar will be on:

Plankton patchiness in sea and lakes

(Please note that Jorge Briceño's seminar originally scheduled for this Thursday has been postponed until May 27.)

This evening at 6:00 p.m., Dr. Donald Windsor will give a seminar on: "Historia natural de las avispas sociales de Panamá" at the BIBLIOTECA SIMON BOLIVAR, UNIVERSIDAD DE PANAMA. This seminar is part of the series that is being organized by the A.E.C.A.P. (Asociación Estudiantil para la Conservación Ambiental de Panamá).

ARRIVALS

May 12 - Arriving, Prof. Arch Sharer, North Carolina Wesleyan College, for two weeks, to carry out an investigation of spiders with grouping or incipient social behavior, at BCI.

LIBRARY NEWS

New publications

- Prehistory of Japan (C. Melvin Aikens and Takayasu Higushi, 1982)
- The British Oak (M.G. Morris and F.H. Perring, eds., 1974).
- The True Prairie Ecosystem (P. G. Risser et al., 1981).
- Vertebrate Ecology in the Northern Neotropics (J.F. Eisenberg, ed. 1979).
- UNESCO Publications:
 - Geología y geoquímica del margen continental del Atlántico suboccidental (UNESCO Rep. in Marine Science 17, 1981)
 - Coastal Lagoon Research, present and future (UNESCO Tech Paper in Marine Science 33, 1981).

NOTES OF INTEREST

-In the April 30 issue of SCIENCE there is a paper by Kathy Troyer, on "Transfer of Fermentative Microbes between Generations in a Herbivorous Lizard".

-Articles in the New York Times and La Estrella de Panamá have discussed the strategy to conserve tropical forests proposed by Dr. I. Rubinoff. La Estrella's editorial section on Tuesday, May 4th commented that although the plan seemed at first a bit Utopian, it should be considered, and should be of particular interest to RENARE, the Panamanian Directorate of Renewable Natural Resources.



"I fell out of your birdhouse and broke my arm, and this is my lawyer."