

STRI news

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SEMINARS

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, December 23. If you wish to give a seminar, please contact Neal Smith at the Tupper Center, ext. 2300.

BAMBI SEMINARS

No Bambi seminar scheduled for Thursday, December 25. If you wish to give a Bambi please call BCI.

NAOS LUNCHEON

No Naos Labs Luncheon seminar scheduled for Fri, Dec 26. For more information about the Naos Luncheon seminars please contact Bailey Keissing at Naos, ext. 3330 or consult the Web at http://160.111.1-5002/Naos_Luncheon_Schedule.html

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Thomas Wake, University of California, Dec 20 - Jan 5, for a preliminary visit of STRI facilities for future research.
- Josef and Elvira Beierl, Essig Museum, University of Berkeley, Dec 21 - Jan 4, to conduct faunal studies in Central American Coleoptera (Panama), in mainland.
- Stefan Schnitzer, University of Pittsburgh, Dec 23 - Jul 15, to study the ecology of lianas on BCI and the seed and seedling predation in tropical forests.
- Diane De Steven, short-term visitor from the University of Wisconsin, Dec 24 - May 31, to study the dynamics of tropical tree seed production and seedling recruitment, at BCI.
- Gerald Kerth, Dec 26 - Jan 31, to work with Elisabeth Kalko in the echolocation and foraging behavior of neotropical bats, at BCI and on mainland.
- Karen Lips, St. Lawrence University, New York, Dec 26 7 - Jan 23, to investigate the extent and possible causes of amphibian declines in Costa Rica and Panama.
- Walter Carson and 14 assistants, University of Pittsburgh, Dec 28 - Feb 15, to carry out the project "Do mammal and insects control forest diversity: a community level experimental test", at BCI and Gigante.
- Christian Sample, University of Wisconsin, Dec 29 - Jan 28, to work with Gregory Adler on the limiting and regulating factors in populations of a tropical forest rodent, *Proechimys semispinosus*, at BCI and Gamboa.
- Jacalyn Giacalone, Montclair State University, Dec 29 - Feb 9, to study the mammalian population fluctuations in relation to fruit crop, at BCI.



- Greg Willis, Upsala College, Dec 29 - Feb 9, to work with Jacalyn Giacalone, at BCI.
- Gary Freeman, University of Texas, Dec 29 - Jan 28, to conduct descriptive and experimental studies on embryogenesis in the inarticulate brachiopod, *Discanisca strigata*, at Naos.

NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS

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- Leigh, Jr., Egbert Giles. 1996. "Les Peuples des Forêts Tropicales Humides et les Problèmes de Conservation." In: *L'Alimentation en Forêt Tropicale: Interactions Bioculturelles et Perspectives de Développement*: 1309-1324, edited by C.M. Hladik, A. Hladik, H. Pagezy, O. F. Linares, G.J.A. Koppertoppert and A. Froment. Paris: UNESCO.
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On Friday, December 5th, the STRI's Procurement Office held its Tupper Center traditional celebration of Panamanian Mother's Day. In the photo, Adriana Bilgray, of the Education Office, holds her newborn son José Alfredo, during the event ••• El viernes 5 de diciembre, la Oficina de Compras de STRI celebró su tradicional Día de las Madres panameño en el Centro Tupper. En la foto, Adriana Bilgray, de la Oficina de Educación, carga a su hijo recién nacido, José Alfredo, durante la reunión.

(Foto: M.A. Guerra)

MISCELLANEOUS



STRI competitors did great at the XXI Marathon of Panama, on Sunday, December 14. This 26-miles annual marathon starts at 4 in the morning at the Balboa High School Stadium, goes to the Old Gamboa Road, and then back to the Stadium. Marlene Haas, from the University of California at BCI, was the second woman to cross the finish line (3hrs 26min), only two minutes after the leading woman. Simon Zipperlen, STRI postdoc at BCI, also from the University of California, crossed the finish line in 3hrs 35min. On this occasion, both Haas and Zipperlen accomplished their best personal records. Our congratulations!

From the Editor ••• Al Lector

Next issues of the STRI news will be published on Monday, December 29 and on Monday, January 5 ••• Los próximos números del "STRI news" serán publicados el lunes, 29 de diciembre y el lunes, 5 de enero.