

SMITHSONIAN REGENTS FELLOW

Dr. Ernest Williams has been awarded a Smithsonian Regents Fellowship for the first half of 1983. Dr. Williams is an Agassiz Professor at Harvard University and recently retired as curator of reptiles and amphibians of the Museum of Comparative Zoology. He plans to live in Gamboa and continue to work on studying the evolution of lizards of the genus Anolis.

The Regents Fellowship is offered to outstanding scholars for a period of residence at the Smithsonian to pursue research problems or to explore major collections, thereby advancing scientific and humanistic studies sponsored by the Smithsonian. Dr. Williams will be the second Regents Fellow at STRI.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, May 18 will be given by Dr. Ross Robertson, STRI. The subject of his seminar will be:

The short life history of
a balloon

This will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

ARRIVALS

DR. DAVE ROUBIK returned early on May 11 from an extensive research and lecture trip in Brazil and French Guiana. The Roubiks are pleased to announce the arrival of a new daughter, KRISTIANA, who became a member of their family in April.

DR. ALAN SMITH arrived May 13 from the University of Miami for his stay at STRI.

GUSTAVO KATTAN, Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia, arrived this week to assist Dr. Lenny Freed on the project: "Evolution of clutch size in a tropical passerine". Gustavo will be at STRI for 3 months on an EXXON Assistantship and is living in Gamboa.

Visitors expected this week:

DR. HENRY HOWE, University of Iowa, to continue studies on the ecology of a Neotropical seed-dispersal system. He will be on BCI until the end of August.

ROBIN MANASSE, University of Iowa, to study the effect of spatial

ARRIVALS (cont.)

contagion on pollination, fruit set and fruit size. She will be at BCI until the end of August.

DR. CAROL AUGSPURGER, University of Illinois, to continue studies on factors influencing seed distribution of wind-dispersed trees. She will be on BCI until mid-August.

DR. VICTORIA SORK, University of Missouri, with her assistant, MARY MORELLO. They will be studying mammalian seed dispersal and seedling recruitment in Gustavia superba, a tropical moist forest species.

DAVID HAMILL, University of Iowa, on a Smithsonian Visiting Graduate Student Fellowship to study "The relationship between dispersal and seedling success in Octea skutchii on BCI.

LIBRARY NEWS

STRI scientists' increased use of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries' on-line connection with various data systems has produced successful responses to a variety of queries on such subjects as starfish, leaf thickness in relation to nutrition, the San Blas region, and the cotton rat. Even without direct communication these searches have turned up more information than could be found through traditional manual searching. Forms are available in the Library for those who wish to use this service.

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Once again we are needing photos related to STRI research for the ANNUAL REPORT. The photos should be black and white, glossy print; please send them to the Office of the Director.

COMINGS & GOINGS

After 28 years of federal service, ARILLA KOURANY has retired from STRI. She is looking forward to assuming teaching and editorial positions in Panama and continuing her contacts with her STRI friends.

We welcome to STRI IDANIA QUINTERO, the new receptionist at the Tivoli Building.

For the next three weeks, while Georgina de Alba is on Annual Leave, NINOTCHKA FRANCO will be doing the STRI NEWSLETTER.