

# STRI news '98

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## TUPPER CENTER SEMINAR

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, March 3. If you wish to give a seminar, please contact Neal Smith at the Tupper Center, ext. 2300.

## BAMBI SEMINAR AT BCI

Thu, Mar 5, Bambi speaker will be Helene Muller-Landau, Princeton University

*Interspecific Variation in Growth and Dispersal Strategies of Common BCI Tree Species*

Transportation and dinner reservations are essential. Please call BCI at 272-2124 or e-mail new Bambi "Jefe", Jennifer S. Johns, at: bambi@bci.si.edu

## NAOS LUNCHEON SEMINAR

Mar 6, Naos Labs Luncheon seminar speaker will be Suzanne Williams, Australian Institute of Marine Science

*Starfish Biogeography*

For more information about the Naos Lunchesons please consult Bailey Kessing at Naos, ext. 3330 or the Web at [http://160.11-1.136.12/Naos\\_Luncheon\\_Schedule.html](http://160.11-1.136.12/Naos_Luncheon_Schedule.html)

## PEOPLE

### Arrivals

- Julio Mercader, Short-term visitor from the George Washington University, Mar 1-21, to conduct research at STRI, present seminar and consult with colleagues, at Tupper.
- Josep Asis, Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, Mar 1 - May 31, to conduct studies on the nesting biology of ground-nesting aculeate Hymenoptera (Sphecidae, Halictidae), at Tupper.
- Andrzej Dyrz, Short-term visitor from the University of Warsaw, Poland, Mar 22 - Apr 30, to study the breeding ecology and behavior of Rusty-margined flycatcher, *Myiozetetes cayanensis* at Gatun Lake. He will be stationed at Tupper.



Katharine Milton (second from the left), from the University of California at Berkeley, gathered with a group of students during a field course on the population dynamics of howler monkeys, on Friday, February 20, at Barro Colorado Island ••• Katherine Milton (segunda de izq. a der.), de la Universidad de California en Berkeley, se reúne con un grupo de estudiantes durante un curso de campo sobre la dinámica de la población de monos aulladores, el viernes 20 de febrero, en la Isla de Barro Colorado.  
(Foto: M.A. Guerra)

- Christiane Hueerkamp, University of Rostock, Germany, Mar 2 - Apr 11, to do volunteer work with Peter Glynn and Luis D'Croz, at Naos.
- Christian Cruz, Mexico, Mar 2 - Apr 9, to work on the Goldstein/Meinzer project, on BCI.
- Adrian Cerezo, NZP Senior Latino fellow, Mar 3 - May 31, to collaborate with staff at the Office of Education.
- Douglas and Tara Robinson, University of Illinois, Mar 3 - Aug 31, to study the avian community dynamics, in Gamboa.
- Patricia Ortiz, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Mar 3-23, to study social interactions in nocturnal bees, on BCI.
- Kristina Hufford, Short-term fellow from the University of Georgia, Mar 4-23, to study the demographic genetics of *Platypodium elegans*: selection at three early life stages, on BCI.
- Roberta Rubinoff, SI Office of Fellowships and Grants, Mar 5-11, to attend the annual fellowship meeting at STRI.
- Sixteen students from the OTS Spanish Tropical Ecology Course, Mar 6-9, to visit BCI.

- Peter Glynn, University of Miami, with J. Borger, Mark Eakin, S. Theodosius and J. Wellington, Mar 6-23, to participate in a research cruise.

**Departures**

- Jeremy Jackson, Mar 1-7, to Keystone, Colorado, to attend a workshop on the future directions for the Biological Oceanography Program, sponsored by NSF.
- Ira Rubinoff, Mar 2-7, to New York and Washington, D.C., on official business.
- Harry Barnes, Mar 2-6, to Belize, to advise colleagues from the National Museum of Natural History on the reconstruction and design of the Carrie Bow Cay Marine Laboratory.

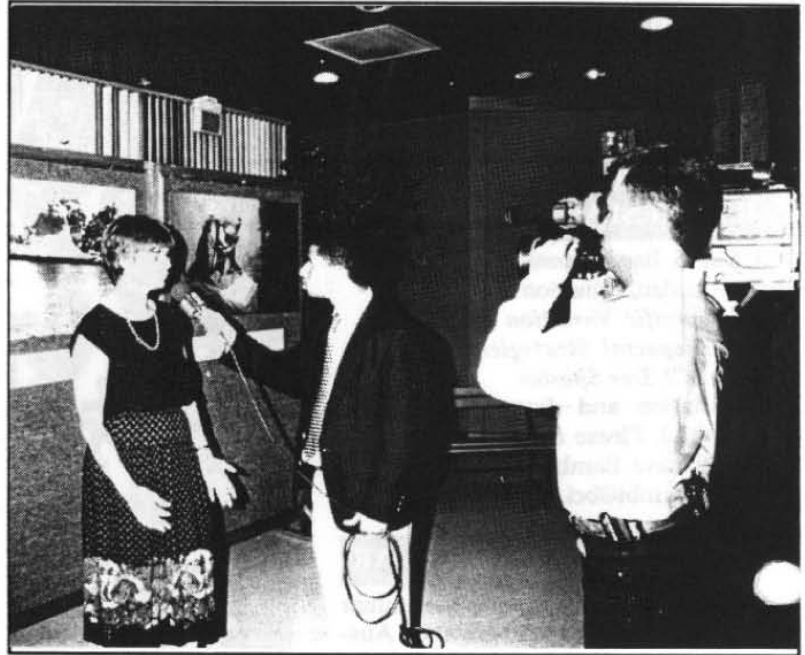
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STRI March Birthdays**

Harilaos Lessios	4	
Lazlo Vegh	6	
Patricia Backwell	13	
Victor Castillo	23	
Rosa Zambrano	25	
Richard Condit	29	
Ana María Alvarado	30	

**NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS**

- Cooke, Richard. 1997. "The Native Peoples of Central America During Precolumbian and Colonial Times." In: *Central America: A Natural and Cultural History*: 137-176, edited by A.G. Coates. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Heckadon-Moreno, Stanley. 1998. "George C. Champion y los Insectos de las Selvas y Sabanas de Chiriquí 1881-1883." *"Epo-cas" Segunda Era* Febrero: 6-7.
- Heckadon-Moreno, Stanley. 1997. "Spanish Rule, Independence, and the Modern Colonization Frontiers." In: *Central America: A Natural and Cultural History*: 177-214, edited by A.G. Coates. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Linares, Olga F. 1997. "Foreword." In: *Central America: A Natural and Cultural History*: vii-x, edited by A.G. Coates. New Haven: Yale University Press.



Guest speaker Nancy Knowlton, STRI, talks to the media about her conference on corals during an "Evening at the Smithsonian" Tuesday, February 10. This yearly event organized by the Fundación Smithsonian and STRI was attended by over 140 guests and proved to be a great success ••• La conferencista invitada, Nancy Knowlton, de STRI, habla con la prensa sobre su charla sobre corales durante la Noche en el Smithsonian, el martes 10 de febrero. Este evento anual que organiza la Fundación Smithsonian y STRI contó con más de 140 invitados, y fue un gran éxito.

(Foto: M.A. Guerra)

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

**Upcoming Events in March**

- Tree NASA planes will be in Panama collecting remote sensing data
- 9 Annual Fellowship Meeting
- 18 Symposium on Biological Interactions
- 25 Charla Smithsonian del Mes en el PNM: Mireya Correa
- 30 Sustainable Cocoa Workshop (SI/Mars)

**Annual Meterological Report for BCI**

Steve Paton's annual meterological report for Barro Colorado Isl: is now available at the Tupper Center Mail Distribution Room ••• El reporte metereológico anual de la Isla de Barro Colorado que hace Steve Paton, se encuentra a disposición en el Salón de Distribución de Correos del Centro Tupper.