

STRI news '98

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TUPPER CENTER SEMINAR

Tue, Mar 10, we will have two noon seminars. At 11am seminar speaker will be Brian McNab, University of Florida

A Functional Basis for the Persistence of Vertebrates on Oceanic Islands

Tuesday, March 10, at 1pm, seminar speaker will be Julio Mercader, George Washington University

Occupying the Ancient Forests of the Congo

BAMBI SEMINAR

Thu, Mar 12, Bambi seminar speaker will be Steve Hubbell, Princeton University

A Theory of Biogeography and Biodiversity

Transportation and dinner reservations are essential. Please call BCI at 272-2124.

NAOS LUNCHEONS

For information about the Naos Luncheon seminars please contact Bailey Kessing at Naos, ext. 3330 or consult the Web at http://160.111.136.12/Naos_Luncheon_Schedule.html

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Stanley Rand, Mar 7-11, to attend the fellowships selection meeting.
- Kaoru Kitajima, University of Florida, Mar 8-14, to continue research.
- Steve Mulkey, University of Missouri, Mar 8-14, to continue research collaboration with Joe Wright on *Psychotria* and *Marantaceae*.
- Students from the OTS Spanish Tropical Ecology Course, Mar 13-15, to visit BCI.

Departures

- David Roubik, Mar 10-15, to Costa Rica, to attend meetings of the Organization for Tropical Studies.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Temporary Fax Number for Naos Labs • Fax Temporal de Naos

The fax number 228-0516 for Naos Laboratories is out of service. Please use a temporary fax number, 228-0672 while the problem is fixed ••• El número de fax de los Laboratorios de Naos, 228-0516 está dañado. Mientras el problema sea resuelto, use el número de fax temporal 228-0672.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interactions Symposium on March 18

by Allen Herre

This is a reminder that we are planning a symposium covering different aspects of ecology, genetics, physiology, chemistry, behavior, history, culture, evolution, etc. of interactions among organisms, on Wed, Mar 18. Speakers would either choose to give overviews of research programs, or go into detail on some aspect, future plans, etc. The point is interaction in all senses. Please contact me if you are interested in participating vis giving a talk (10-20 min. depending on the final number of participants, and how long they wish to talk), or if you simply would like to "sit in". Having a rough idea of "sit ins" would be helpful in choosing the room.

Seeks Employment as Research Assistant or Technician

Colette Wabnitz, a student at McGill University majoring in Biology and Environmental Sciences (graduating in June of this year) seeks employment for a period of up to one year as a Research Assistant or Technician. If any staff researcher is interested, she may be reached by e-mail at: cwabni@po-box.mcgill.ca. CV available at Human Resources.

Job Opportunity in Tortuguero, Costa Rica

The Caño Palma Biological Station seeks a project manager with biology/environmental studies. Must be willing to participate in daily maintenance work and supervise the Station Coordinator. Bilingual (Spanish/English); experience in the tropics, construction, bookkeeping, computers, and basic cooking; knowledge in Central American flora and fauna, boating and other outdoors, small engine repairs, and ability to get along with people. The station seeks a self-motivated individual willing to put up with low pay and isolated conditions in exchange for a unique job in a Canadian conservation organization. Interested please send a detailed CV to: Marilyn Cole, Executive Director, Canadian Organization for Tropical Education and Rainforest Conservation, Box 335, Pickering, Ontario L1V 2R6, Canada • Fax (905)683-5897 • E-mail: coterc@interhop.net • Website: <http://home.interhop.net/~coterc>

Learn How to Use a Fire Extinguisher ••• Uso de Extintores

We will practice the use of fire extinguishers on Tue, Mar 10, at 10am at the Tupper parking lot. Everybody is welcome ••• El martes 10 de marzo a las 10am tendremos una práctica en el uso de extintores en el estacionamiento del Tupper. Todos bienvenidos. JR Perurena

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES • EN SITUACIONES DE URGENCIA

Stop, Think and Act	Pare, Piense y Actue
Calm down and stay calm	Cálmese y mantenga la calma
Radio Garita for help (<i>in Spanish!</i>) or call Tupper at 227-6022	Llame por radio a la garita, o al Tupper al 227-6022
Identify yourself: " <i>Soy el(la) Sr(a)...</i> "	Identifíquese
Report Position/Location: " <i>Estoy en...</i> "	Diga dónde se encuentra
Report Emergency Situation/Condition (if possible): " <i>Tengo un problema o urgencia. Necesito ayuda</i> "	Si es posible, describa en qué situación de urgencia se encuentra
Implement First Aid Procedures and await instructions	Realice primeros auxilios y espere por instrucciones
Depending on situation; initiate or await transportation	Dependiendo de la situación, inicie o espere el transporte

STRI Emergency Resources ••• Recursos para Urgencias en STRI

<i>Resource • Recurso</i>	<i>Radio Call • Radio</i>	<i>Name • Nombre</i>	<i>Phone Numbers • Números de Teléfonos</i>
Garita	Garita	Tupper Guard • <i>Guardia</i>	227-6020 • 6021 • 6022 • 6023 x 2347
BCI	BCI	BCI	272-2398 • 272-2137
Safety Officer <i>Director, Seguridad Laboral</i>	Perurena	José Ramón Perurena	Work: 272-2704 • 227-6022 x 2258 Home: 268-2626 • Cel: 613-1507
Diving Officer <i>Director de Buceo</i>	97	José Espino	Work: 228-2579 • 228-4022 x 3318 • Beeper: 265-5155 • Home: 264-5155 • Cel: 613-1508
Security Manager <i>Director de Seguridad</i>	91	Alejandro Arze	Work: 262-7152 • 227-6022 x 2234 Home: 226-2475 • Cel: 613-1509
Security Specialist	92	Fernando Caballero	Work: 227-6022 x 2246 • Home: 230-0775
Gamewardens Supervisor	Control	Alejandro Hernández	BCI: 272-2398 • Tupper: 227-6022 x 2246
Gamewarden Leader	94	BCI	272-2398 • <i>Guardabosques Guía de Turno</i>
Any Gamewarden	100	BCI	272-2398 • <i>Cualquier Guardabosques</i>
Naos Scientific Coordinator <i>Coordinador Científico, Naos</i>	Anibal	Aníbal Velarde	Naos: 228-4022 x 3334 • Home: 266-1613

Outside STRI Emergency Resources ••• Recursos de Urgencia Fuera de STRI

Fire Department • <i>Cuerpo de Bomberos</i>	103	Medical (Colón) • <i>Hospitales y Ambulancias</i>	
Police • <i>Fuerza Pública</i>	104	Hospital Amador Guerrero	441-5253
DA • <i>Fiscalía Auxiliar</i>	262-8985	Hospital A. Guerrero	441-5077
Oil Spill • <i>Derrame de Petróleo</i>	276-6678 • 6646 • 6409	Medical (La Chorrera) • <i>Hospitales y Ambulancias</i>	
Evacuation (Panamá) • <i>Evacuación</i>		Hospital Nicolás Solano	253-2291
Servicio Aéreo Nacional (SAN)	238-4344 • 4440	Clínica Panamericana	253-6996 • 7747
Servicio Marítimo Nacional (SMN)	228-0238 • 4050	Servicio de Ambulancia	254-0505 • 0550
Medical (Panamá) • <i>Hospitales y Ambulancias</i>		Medical (David) • <i>Hospitales y Ambulancias</i>	
SEMM	264-1122	Hospital Regional	775-2162
Alerta	263-4522	Hospital Chiriquí	774-0128
Hospital Santo Tomás	227-4122	Medical (Chitré) • <i>Hospitales y Ambulancias</i>	
Hospital Paitilla	265-8888	Hospital Integrado El Vigía	996-4177
Hospital San Fernando	229-2004	Hospital Cecilio Castellero	996-4
Hospital Santa Fe	227-4733	Centro Médico San Juan Bautista	996-4448
Hospital CSS	264-1739		
PCC Ambulance	119 (from a 272- phone)		
Gamboa Ambulance	276-6650 • 6495		
Cruz Roja Panameña	228-2187		

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