

SEMINAR NEWS

The lunch seminar next Tuesday, May 25th will be given by Dr. Henry Howe of the University of Iowa. His talk will be about the "Annual variation in a neotropical seed-dispersal system." The seminar will be at 12:00 noon at the Ancon Conference room.

SEEKING A SUMMER JOB

A young German student of languages is looking for summer employment (June and July). She speaks English, French, German, is studying Spanish and does Data Processing. She is enrolled at the Panama Canal College and Florida State University and will be in Panama for about a year. Please contact Miss Alke Seebade at 61-0762.

OFFICIAL TRAVEL

We wish a good trip to Dr. Frank Morris, STRI Executive Officer, who will be on an official visit to Washington during the week of May 24.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Mary Jane Eberhard and Dr. William Eberhard and family have returned to Costa Rica. Please send their mail as before to

Escuela de Biología
Universidad de Costa Rica
Ciudad Universitaria "Rodrigo Facio"
San José, Costa Rica

Dr. Nicholas Smythe will be returning to STRI from the Galapagos on Monday the 24th.

All of us at STRI wish to express our sincere expression of sympathy to Dr. Jopling on the recent death of her mother.

LIBRARY NEWS

Dr. Carol Jopling, Head of the STRI Library, has sent us a memo on new publications received:

Serials: Conseil International de la Chasse et de la Conservation du Gibier: Minutes Marine Environmental Research; an international journal

Books: Handbook of Vegetation Science (XII), Application of vegetation science to forestry (G. Jahn, 1982)

Theses: Studies on the biology of the aeolid nudibranch *Phestilla melanobranchia* (L. G. Harris, 1970 mfm)

Theoretical aspects of reproduction and predation (J. J. Sohn, 1974 mfm)

NO LAND LINK TO CHIRIQUI

A makeshift bridge, built after the steel bridge collapsed last month, was carried away by the flooded Chiriqui River. There is therefore no way of getting into David although the Ministry of Public Works has been trying to find a way through by way of the towns of Gualaca and Dolega. Virtually nothing can be done unless the river level diminishes. A Bailey bridge from England will not be arriving before two months' time and a permanent bridge will then be built a year later at the old site. Meanwhile the river can soon be crossed on foot through a swinging rope bridge now being put up!

AWARDS TO STRI STAFF

Mrs. Adela Gomez has come back from Washington with two rewarding gifts for Mrs. Elena Lombardo, Deputy Special Assistant to the Director and Miss Mirna Fernandez, clerk typist in the Procurement Department. Mrs. Lombardo has been meritorious of a cash award especially for her outstanding performance during the tenure of Dr. M. H. Robinson as Acting Director of STRI from July, 1980 until July, 1981. And Miss Fernandez was given her cash award for her unselfish dedication to STRI and willing disposition since her arrival at STRI in June, 1980.

Congratulations to them!

REQUEST

Argelis Ruiz, Secretary at the Ancon Office and also a student of biology who is doing research on sea-turtles at Playa Piña would like anyone who sees sale of turtles in public markets or supermarkets to please ask what kind of turtle they are selling (common name is fine) and how much they're selling them for. Please note date you saw them.

NOTE OF INTEREST

"Japanese children have steadily increased their edge over Americans on standardized intelligence tests during this century, according to a study published in this week's Nature magazine. ... The latest evidence shows the mean Japanese IQ is 111, compared with 100 in the United States."

Anonymous (British Intelligence)



"I've decided to clean out the files."