

# STRI news '98

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## Week's Seminars

■ Susan McRae, from Cambridge University, U.K., will give the Tupper noon seminar on Tuesday, June 30. She will talk about the brood parasitism in Moorhens. For more information about the Tupper Center Seminars please e-mail Neal Smith at [smithn@tivoli.si.edu](mailto:smithn@tivoli.si.edu).

## Arrivals

■ Timothy Schowalter, from Oregon State University, will work at Ft. Sherman and Tupper from Jun 27 through Jul 5, on the invertebrate community structure in tropical forest canopies.

■ Jane Hutton, from McGill University, Canada, will work in Darien, from Jun 28 through Aug 24, on Catherine Potvin's project on the plantation of Chunga and Wagara palm in Darien with Embera and unnan people.

■ Stacy Thomas, from the University of California, will work on BCI from Jun 29 through Dec 20, with Christina Campbell on a study of the reproductive biology of the clackhanded spider monkey *Ateles geoffroyi*: interacting behavior and endocrinology.

■ Chad Hickox, Calin Duke and Tonya Snell, from the University of Buffalo, will work in Bocas del Toro on Mary Alice Coffroth's project: Ontogeny and dynamics of cnidarian-algal symbiosis.

■ Larry Buckley, from Rochester Institute of Technology, Jun 29 through Jul 5, to do research on the phylogeography of *Ctenosaura similis*.

■ Jennifer Balch, from Princeton University, Jun 30 - Sep 3, to conduct studies on the genetic population structure of several Neotropical bat species.

■ Sean O'Donnell, from the University of Washington, Jul 1-5, to do screening for genetic polymorphism in social wasps.

■ Anne and Peter Meylan, from Eckard Ilege, will be on Bocas del Toro from Jul 1-22 to continue research of the ecology and migrations of marine turtles.

■ Gregory Adler, from the University of Wisconsin, will work at Fortuna from



The Tupper Center celebrated its traditional party for Father's Day on Friday, June 19, organized by Gabriel Martínez and co-workers from the Procurement Department. This year, entertainment was provided by "Los Locos de Zawik, a clown. In the photo, Fernando Pascal and Steve Paton compete for the best regue dancer ... El Centro Tupper celebró su tradicional fiesta para el Día del Padre, el viernes 19 de junio. Se contrató a un polifacético payaso "Los Locos de Zawik" para entretenimiento. En la foto, Fernando Pascal y Steve Paton bailan junto con Zawik para competir por el mejor bailarín de regue.

(Foto: M.A. Guerra)

## STRI Delegation at Expo Lisbon '98 Delegación de STRI en Expo Lisboa '98

The Panamanian pavillion at Expo '98, in Lisbon, is a great success, with six to eight thousand daily visitors. One of the major features of the stand is the STRI's exhibit, "One Isthmus and Two Oceans", which greets the visitors right at the entrance, drawing enormous attention. On June 17, Luis D'Croz and Stanley Heckadon, accompanied by the Panamanian Ambassador in Portugal, Lourdes Phillips, the Panamanian delegate to the Expo and Elena Lombardo, delivered lectures to the staff and students of the Universidade Moderna in the Old Quarters of Lisbon. Both STRI scientists were extensively interviewed by Radio Nacional de España and news agency EFE, who prepared several news items on Panama and STRI participation at the Fair, for the Spanish speaking world ... El pabellón de Panamá en Expo '98

Lisboa tuvo un gran éxito, con seis a ocho mil visitantes diariamente. Uno de los elementos más importantes del pabellón es la exhibición de STRI, "Un Istmo y dos Océanos" que recibe a los visitantes justamente en la entrada, llamando enorme atención. El 17 de junio, Luis D'Croz y Stanley Heckadon, acompañados por el Embajador panameño en Portugal, Lourdes Phillis, delegada de Panamá en Expo y Elena Lombardo, ofrecieron conferencias al personal y estudiantes de la Universidade Moderna en la parte vieja de Lisboa. Ambos científicos de STRI fueron entrevistados extensamente por Radio Nacional de España y EFE agencia de noticias, quienes prepararon varios noticieros sobre la participación de Panamá y STRI en la Feria, para el mundo de habla hispana.

July 1 through Aug 1, on the rodent diversity and abundance in cloud forests of Western Panama.

■ Nine Earthwatch volunteers, Jul 1-23, to work with Nancy Garwood on a field test on BCI and Gamboa, of the illustrated guide of seedlings of BCI and adjacent Panama.

## Departures

■ Allen Herre, Jul 1-13, to Lambir, Malaysia, to attend the Asian Fig Conference.

## Felicitaciones

A Betzabeth Ríos y Félix Rodríguez por el nacimiento de Isabel Stephanie Rodríguez Ríos, el 10 de junio. La pequeña pesó 6.13lb al momento del nacimiento.

## Special Event

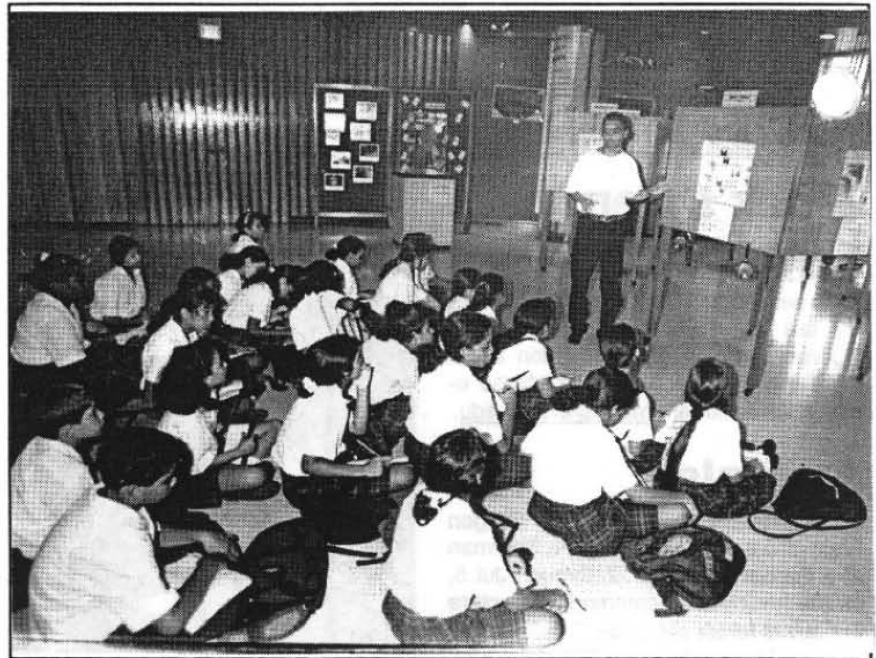
STRI and the Fundación Santillana para Iberoamérica present the book *Naturalistas del Istmo de Panamá* by Stanley Heckadon-Moreno on Tuesday, June 30 at the Tupper Center, 7:00 pm. Informal. Everybody is invited.

STRI y la Fundación Santillana para Iberoamérica tienen el placer de invitarle(s) a la presentación del libro *Naturalistas del Istmo de Panamá* por Stanley Heckadon-Moreno el martes, 30 de junio a las 7 p.m. Centro Tupper. Informal

## Opportunities

■ If you want to learn about Student Conservation Association's resource assistant program, stop by the Office of Education #330. Opportunity to develop the skills you need for your conservation career • live and work in national parks, forests and refuges • 12-week opportunities nationwide • travel, housing and food allowance • academic credit possible • expand career options. Application available for anyone 18 years of age or older. If you want your own catalog you can send \$1.00 for postage to SCA Resource Assistant Program, P.O. box 550, Charlestown, NH 03603.

■ El Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud, igorgas@sinfo.net invita a la conferencia "La Ciencia Imperial", el jueves 25 de junio a las 2pm en el Salón de Conferencias del ICGES, por el Dr. Rodrigo Noriega.



As part of a programmed visit, 300 fifth graders from Instituto Panamericano visited the Tupper Center Insect Exhibit and then the Culebra Marine Exhibition Center, on Thursday, June 25, and Friday, June 26, 150 each day. In the photo, a docent explains the panels of the Insect exhibit to one of the groups that visited on Thursday \*\*\* *En una visita programada, un total de 300 estudiantes de quinto grado del Instituto Panamericano visitaron la Exhibición de Insectos en el Centro Tupper, y luego el Centro de Exhibiciones Marinas de Culebra, los días jueves 25 de junio y viernes 26 de junio, 150 estudiantes cada día. En la foto, un docente explica los paneles de la exhibición de Insectos a uno de los grupos que hicieron su recorrido el día jueves.* (Foto: M.A. Guerra)

## New Publications July Birthdays

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