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Week's Seminars

Thursday, July 30, Bambi seminar speaker will be Andres Orellana, Universidad de Los Andes in Merida, Venezuela. He will be discussing his dissertation research in progress in Venezuela and Panama. The title of his talk is:

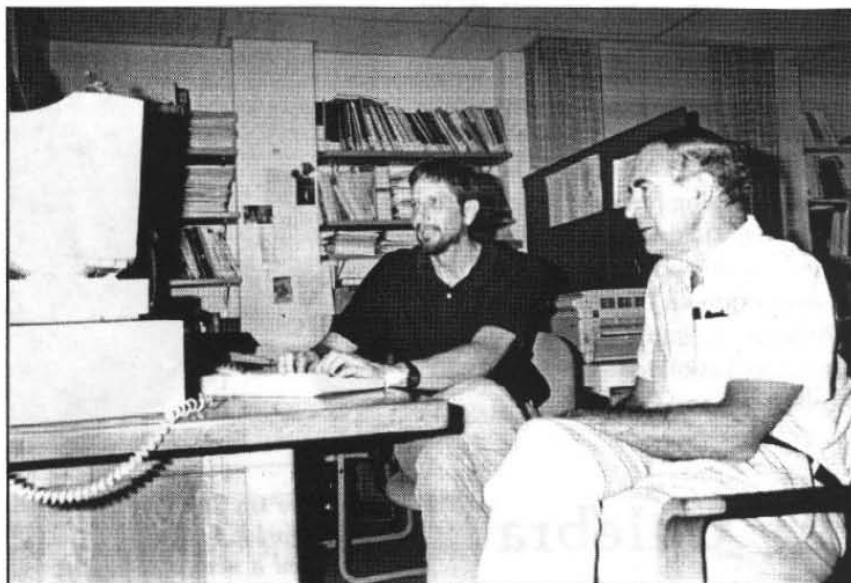
Palatability and chemical defense in Dioprinae moths (Lepidoptera: Notodontidae)."

Arrivals

- Thomas Wake, University of California at Los Angeles, Jul 26 - Aug 2, to study the vertebrate comparative osteological collections development, on BCI.
- Ganapathy Narayanaj, Smith College, Massachusetts, Jul 30 - Aug 29, to work with Melvin Tyree on the integration of canopy and hydraulic architecture in *Psychotria* species along light and moisture gradients.

Departures

- Penelope Barnes, Jul 25 - Aug 9, to Washington D.C., to attend the World Congress of Malacology.
- Harry Barnes, Jul 25 - Aug 9, to Washington D.C., on official business at S.I.
- Héctor Guzmán, Jul 27-31, to Costa Rica, to continue monitoring of coral reefs.
- John Christy, Jul 27, to Asilomar, California, to attend the 7th International Behavioral Ecology Congress. After that, he will be on vacation in Siberia.



Thomas Mullins (right), member of the Smithsonian Institution National Board visited the Center for Tropical Forest Sciences offices at STRI, to learn about their research projects and activities. In the photo, scientist Richard Condit shows a computer CTFS map, and the species distribution at the BCI 50 ha plot, on July 20 ••• Thomas Mullins (derecha) miembro del directorio nacional del Smithsonian, visitó las oficinas del Centro de Ciencias Forestales del Trópico en STRI, para conocer sus proyectos. En la foto, Richard Condit le muestra el mapa del CTFS y la distribución de especies en la parcela de 50 ha. en Barro Colorado, el lunes 20 de julio, en el Centro Tupper.

(Foto: M.A. Guerra).

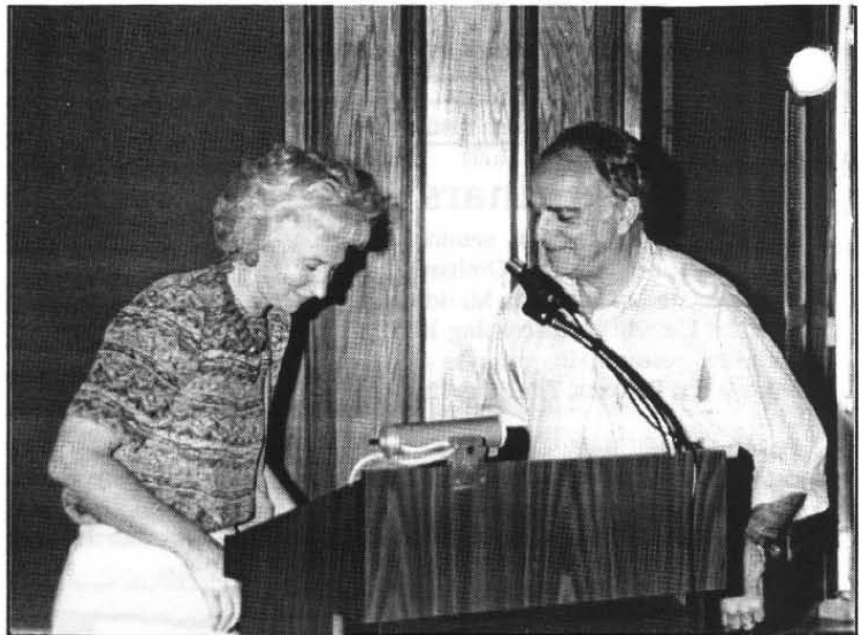
- Ira Rubinoff, July 28 - Aug 19, on official business in Washington D.C., Los Angeles, CA. Auckland, New Zealand, and Cairns, Australia.
- Anthony Coates, Rachel Gallery, Allen Herre, Vibeke Horlyck, Suzanne Lao, Egbert Leigh, Elena Lombardo and Rolando Perez, to Washington D.C., Jul 28 and 29 to early August, to attend the CTFS meetings.

New appointments

Staff scientists Nancy Knowlton and Jeremy B.C. Jackson will leave this week for California to initiate their new appointments as professors of marine biology and oceanography at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California at San Diego. They will continue to maintain part-time positions and their research program at STRI, and will spend approximately three months of the year in Panama. They can be contacted through their e-mail addresses at STRI.

Congratulations

To A. Stanley Rand, recently retired as STRI's Emeritus Senior Scientist, for being awarded the first Henry S. Fitch Award at the meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Guelph Canada. The Fitch award was presented by Harry Greene, from the University of California at Berkeley, at the opening plenary session of the meeting, on Friday, July 17. Rand was also honored by a two-day symposium on "Recent Advances in Anuran Communication," and a banquet attended by about 100 colleagues and friends.



At Culebra

During the midyear vacation week, (Monday, July 27 through Sunday, August 2) the Marine Exhibition Center at Culebra Point will open to the public from 10am-5pm Tuesday through Sunday. For more information please contact the STRI Office of Education ••• *Durante los días de vacaciones de medio-año (lunes 27 de julio a domingo 2 de agosto), el Centro de Exhibiciones Marinas de Culebra permanecerá abierto al público de 10am a 5pm de martes a domingo. Para mayor información favor ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de Educación de STRI.*

Miscellaneous

Se vende guardarropa de niños de cuatro gavetas y un guardarropa marca Sauder color blanco. Un año de uso. Precio \$250. Negociable por un aire acondicionado de un año de uso. Interesados favor llamar a Celideth al Te. 235-9196.

Director Ira Rubinoff, friends and colleagues organized a farewell party for Lucy Dorick, head of the STRI Office of Development in Washington D.C., who accepted a new position as Vice President for Development of the World Resources Institute, on Tuesday, July 21, at the Tupper Center ••• Ira Rubinoff, director, amigos y colegas de STRI organizaron una fiesta de despedida para Lucy Dorick, directora de la Oficina de Promoción Institucional en Washington, D.C., quien aceptó otra posición como Vice-Presidente de Promoción en el Instituto de Recursos Mundiales. (Foto: M.A. Guerra)

New Book

Selva Central



History, Economy,
and Land Use in
Peruvian Amazonia

Fernando Santos-Granero
Frederick Barclay
Translated by Elisabeth King

Smithsonian Institution Press
Washington and London

Publications

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- Wolda, Henk, O'Brien, Charles W. and Stockwell, Henry P. 1998. "Weevil Diversity and Seasonality in Tropical Panama as Deduced from Light-Trap Catch (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)." *Smithsonian Contributions to Zoology* 590: 1-79