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Arrivals

- Richard Gottsberger, University of Viena, Austria, Feb 5 - Feb, 2001, to work with Klaus Winter on the photosynthesis of cloud forest trees, on BCI
- Thomas Kursar, University of Utah, Feb 6-20, to work on bioprospecting in Panamanian rainforests, on BCI
- Daniel Maechler, University of Tubingen, Feb 6 - Mar 6, to work with Elisabeth Kalko on the echolocation and foraging behavior of neotropical bats, on BCI
- David Guterman, New Jersey, Feb 7 - Oct 31, to work with Jennifer Johns on the pollination in fragments: the reproductive fate of four neotropical tree species, on BCI
- Aann-Heum Eom, Mellon postdoctoral fellow from Kansas State University, Feb 7 - May 15, to work on the morphological descriptions of mycorrhizal fungi, on BCI
- Hirano, Koji, Tajima Food Company Ltd., Feb 8 - Apr 17, to work on the pollination and propagation of stingless bees, in Gamboa and Tupper
- Gerhard Zott, University of Wurzburg, Feb 10 - Apr 15, to study the water relations of Annona glabra, a tree restricted to inundated lake shores, on BCI
- Masatochi Matsumasa, University of the Ryukys, Japan, Feb 11 - Mar 23, to study the communication taking place during courtship by fiddler crabs, at Naos
- James Wappes, James Cope, Roy Morris, and Robert Tumbow, Florida State Collection of Arthropods, Feb 11-26, to conduct faunal studies in a Central America Coleoptera: Panama, on mainland.

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"Descorriendo la Cortina Verde" en Costa Rica

Con mucho entusiasmo se llevó a cabo la inauguración de la exhibición "Descorriendo la Cortina Verde" en San José, Costa Rica, el pasado jueves 21 de enero. Esta exhibición fue patrocinada por el Museo Nacional de Costa Rica, y viajaron a San José Elena Lombardo y la Profesora Mireya Correa, quien presentó una charla titulada "Biodiversidad de la Flora de Panamá y Especies Vegetales".

Fué muy placentero contar con amigos y asociados en la inauguración como la Dra. Mary Jane West-Eberhard, el Dr. Gary Hartshron de OTS, la embajadora de Panamá en Costa Rica, S.E. Isabel Damián, y personal de la embajada, además de estudiantes panameños que cursan estudios en Costa Rica, tales como Karla Aparicio y Belkis Jiménez.

Elena Lombardo

Publications

Despite a yearly total almost exactly equal to the long-term average, rainfall on BCI this year was noted for its extremes: April, June and July were all among the top 10 wettest for their respective months, while Nov. was the second driest recorded. According to the PCC, the beginning of the Wet Season was the second latest ever recorded (May 29) and was also the second latest to end (Jan 28) - average dates are May 3 and Dec 18, respectively.