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## Bambi Seminar

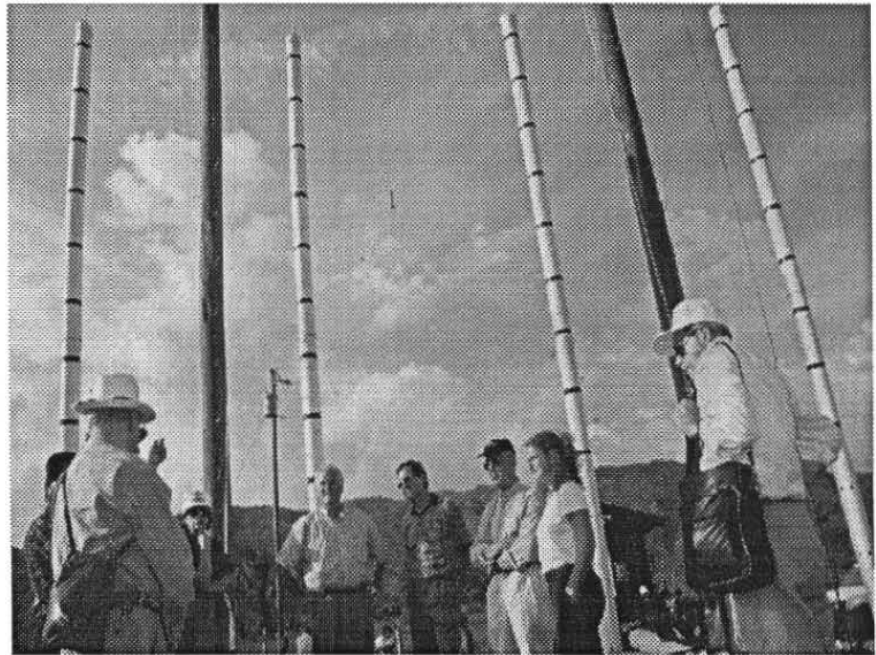
Thursday, March 11, Bambi seminar speaker will be Russ Naisbit, University College London

*The Mysterious Allure of the Hairy Passion Vine: Heliconius Butterfly Diet and Speciation.*

Transportation and dinner reservations are essential. Please call the BCI at 272-2124 or E-mail: Bambi

## Arrivals

- Christopher Dick, postdoctoral fellow from Harvard University, Mar 3 - Feb 14, 2001, to study the gene flow by pollen in trees (*Dinizia excelsa* Leguminosae) of Amazonian rain forest fragments, at Naos.
- Mateo Garrido, short-term fellow from Universidad de Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Mar 5 - May 5, to compare the genetic variability of mtDNA among populations of the Caribbean *Diadema antillarum* and the *Macoranesia*, at Naos.
- Antonio Sole, Universidad Federal Rio de Janeiro, Mar 6-16, to study the relationship between Brazilian and Caribbean marine fauna, at Naos.
- Guillermo Goldstein, University of Hawaii, and Frederick Meinzer, Hawaii Agricultural Research Center, Mar 7-20, to continue research on the environmental and physiological regulation of water flux through a tropical forest ecosystem, at BCI.
- Steffanie Bohlman, Mar 7-27, to work with Richard Condit on the Legacy Project, on BCI and mainland.  
Kristina Hufford, University of Georgia, Mar 8-30, to study the viability selection at three early life



Members of the SI Council of Directors listen to an introduction to the Free Air Carbon Dioxide Enrichment (FACE) project in Sardinilla, on Wednesday, February 24, during their visit to Panama ••• Miembros del Consejo de Directores del Smithsonian escuchan una explicación del proyecto de enriquecimiento de dióxido de carbono en la atmósfera libre (FACE) en Sardinilla, el miércoles 24 de febrero, durante su visita a Panamá. (Foto: M.A. Guerra)

- stages in the tropical tree, *Platypodium elegans*.
- Stephen Mulkey, University of Missouri, Mar 9-14, to work with Joe Wright on *Psychotria* and *Marantaceae*, at Tupper.
- Louis Santiago, University of Florida, Mar 9-16, to work with Stephen Mulkey and Joe Wright, at Tupper.
- Andrzej Dyrz, Wroclaw University, Poland, Mar 9 - May 30, to conduct studies on *Myozetes* spp on BCI, on a short-term visitor appointment.
- Timothy Schowalter, Oregon State University, Mar 10-15, to work on

the invertebrate community structure in tropical forest canopies, at Ft. Sherman and Tupper.

- Robert Bonnell, McGill, Mar 11 - Apr 17, to give the course "Conserving the Neotropics" to the McGill semester program in Panama.
- John Weishampel, Carrie Yoder and Jason Godin, University of Central Florida, Mar 11-21, to use the Panama canopy cranes to understand how tropical forest structure relates to remotely sensed laser waveforms.
- A group of 17 students from OTS, Mar 12-14, to visit BCI.