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SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, June 22, will be given by James Mallet, STRI Short-term Fellow from the University of Texas at Austin. The subject of his seminar will be:

Miscegenation in *Heliconius erato* and its implications for the evolution of behavior

This seminar will be given in the Ancon Conference Room.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

June 22 - Arriving, DR. NICK BROKAW, Kenyon College, with associate BETSY MALLORY, to work on an experimental analysis of growth and dynamics of plant populations in artificially created treefall gaps in the Gigante Peninsula. They will be on BCI until August 15.

June 25 - Arriving, GEORGE RODERICK and STEPHEN SCHUSTER, Univ. of California, Berkeley, to join Dr. R. Caldwell's project in Galeta.

- Arriving, DR. WILLIAM GLANZ, University of Maine at Orono, to study population ecology of squirrels and pacas in relation to fruit availability. He will be on BCI until the end of August.

LIBRARY NEWS

The STRI Library is occasionally blessed with gifts from generous friends. Grateful appreciation is expressed to two recent donors who have made contributions to our collections:

Mrs. Elena Lombardo presented the Library with a copy of the memorial volume, *IN MEMORIAM TOMMY GUARDIA*, compiled through the efforts of her mother, Mrs. Betty de Guardia. The late Tommy Guardia was the founder of the Instituto *Cartográfico* Tommy Guardia, the mapping center where many of the maps of Panama used by researchers at STRI have been made.

Dr. Michael Robinson gave the bulk of his periodicals, including long runs of *The Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society*, *Animal Behaviour*, *Journal of Zoology*, *Ecological Entomology* and many others. These will be used to fill gaps in the Library's serial runs and for exchange.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-Sunday, June 20 is FATHER'S DAY. FELICITACIONES to all fathers at STRI.

-Dr. Holly Wagner will be leaving Panama in August to become the new Assistant Director for the Division of Experimental Programs at George Washington University. Congratulations, Holly.

-The book, *THE ECOLOGY OF A TROPICAL FOREST: SEASONAL RHYTHMS AND LONG-TERM CHANGES*, edited by E. Leigh, S. Rand, and D. Windsor will be co-published by the SI Press and the Oxford Univ. Press this fall. We hope to receive copies by October.

-Ms. Maria Luz Jimenez has moved from Naos to Dr. Moynihan's office in the Ancon Building.

AVAILABLE

One room for rent from June 19 - September 15 in Apartment #119 Ancon (Gorgas Apts.). If interested, please call Wilson Devia for details at 52-6855 (during non-office hours).

FOR SALE

Video Atari, with 5 game cassettes. Please call Barbara Butler at 42-0775 (evenings).

VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

To assist STRI researchers, particularly in Marine Studies. For details please contact Ms. de Alba at Ancon.

THEY COME IN VARIOUS SIZES

Orchids, like so many other things, come in a variety of sizes, and several years ago in Colon Province, STRI's Dr. R. Dressler found a specimen of *Platystele jungermannioides* that is believed to be "the world's smallest orchid". A photo taken by Kerry Dressler of a similar orchid, smaller than a penny and a grain of rice, may soon appear in Guinness Book of World Records.

5 mm

at twice its
life size



Platystele jungermannioides