

STRI news '99

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Presidential Visit

Visita Presidencial

Elected President Mireya Moscoso and officials of the new Panamanian government will visit STRI on Wednesday, August 11, to learn about STRI's research activities in the Republic of Panama ••• La Presidenta electa de Panamá, Mireya Moscoso y los ministros de estado del nuevo gabinete de gobierno que se instalará el 1ro de septiembre de 1999, visitarán STRI el miércoles 11 de agosto en horas de la tarde, para conocer sobre las actividades de investigación del Instituto en la República de Panamá.

Tupper Seminar

Tuesday, August 10, noon seminar speaker will be Stephen Taranto, STRI's short-term fellow from the University of Florida.

Title to be announced

Please check your bulletin board or your E-mail.

Bambi Seminar

Please consult your bulletin board or E-mail for the title of the next Bambi Seminar at BCI. Remember that transportation and dinner reservations are essential. Call BCI at 272-2124 or E-mail: Bambi



Arrivals

- Roberto Cordero, University of California, Aug 10 - Aug 5, 2001, to study the integration of canopy and hydraulic architecture in

STRI and City of Knowledge Sign Agreement

STRI y la Ciudad del Saber Firman Acuerdo

Ira Rubinoff, STRI, and Juan David Morgan, City of Knowledge, signed a renewable 5-year agreement for the development of scientific and academic collaboration between the two institutions to contribute to the diffusion of publications and reports resulting from joint scientific research and educational programs, on July 27. The City of Knowledge will have full access to the STRI bibliographic services and interlibrary network, the molecular laboratories, CTFS and BCI facilities, the Tropical Paleoecology and Archeology Center, the herbarium, and the collections of seeds, insects, reptiles, etc., as well as the marine and anthropological collections. The City of Knowledge will support programs and projects to be established by STRI with related international and local institutions ••• Ira Rubinoff, STRI, y Juan David Morgan, Ciudad del Saber, firmaron un acuerdo de cinco años renovables el pasado 27 de julio, para desarrollar actividades de colaboración científica y académica entre ambas instituciones y contribuir a la difusión de publicaciones resultado de actividades en conjunto. La Ciudad del Saber tendrá acceso a los servicios bibliográficos de la Biblioteca de STRI y a su red interbibliotecaria, los laboratorios de biología molecular, las instalaciones del CTFS y BCI, el Centro de Paleoecología y Arqueología Tropical, el herbario, y las colecciones de semillas, insectos, reptiles, etc., así como a las colecciones antropológicas y marinas. La Ciudad del Saber se compromete a apoyar las actividades y proyectos de STRI con instituciones internacionales y nacionales, así como gestiones del Instituto para lograr recursos financieros para estos programas.

Psychotria species along light and moisture gradients, on BCI.

Basin Symposium, at the International Botanical Congress.

Departures

- Fernando Santos Granero, Aug 9 - 23, to Lima, Perú, to do research work on the Anawak peoples of Central Peru, at the National Library.



- Noris Salazar, Aug 1 - 7, to Saint Louis, Missouri, to present the conference "Disjunct Distribution of Mosses in Central America" in the Biogeography of the Caribbean

STRI in the News

"Promueven Plan de Ecoturismo", por Henry Raymont, Washington, D.C. 1999. *El Panamá América*, Martes 3 de agosto.

From Visitor's Services Office

This is to inform all staff and visitors that research within the Metropolitan Nature Park requires special

permission in addition to the necessary permit from ANAM. If you have any ongoing project, please contact Maria Leone at the Visitors' Services Office at Tupper. If you have plans for future projects at the Park, please advise at least one month in advance. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. ••• Sele informa a todos el personal y visitantes de STRI que para llevar a cabo proyectos dentro del Parque Natural Metropolitano se requiere de un permiso especial además del permiso de ANAM. Si está llevando a cabo proyectos en el presente, comuníquese con Maria Leone en la Oficina de Visitantes de STRI. Si tiene planes de iniciar un proyecto en el Parque en el futuro, avise al menos con un mes de anticipación. Se le agradecerá su colaboración en este asunto.

Need to Know

Effective Wednesday, Aug 4, authorized visitors' passes for Tupper, Tivoli and Pastor's House are yellow. Pink passes are for visitors to public areas: Library, Bookstore, Cafeteria and Conference Center. To improve security at STRI please notify the Security Office or the Reception desk if you see visitors without proper passes. ••• A partir del miércoles 4 de agosto los permisos autorizados para visitantes en Tupper, Tivoli y Pastor's House son amarillos. Los permisos rosa son para áreas públicas: Biblioteca, Librería, Cafetería y Centro de Conferencias. Se le agradecerá su cooperación notificando a la Oficina de Seguridad o a la recepción de Tupper si encuentra visitantes usando pases no autorizados en las áreas.

New Publications

Freeman, Gary. 1999. "Regional Specification during Embryogenesis in the Inarticulate Brachiopod *Discinisca*". *Developmental Biology* 209: 321-339.

González, Pedro and Lessios, Harilaos A. 1999. "Evolution of Sea Urchin Retroviral-Like (SURL) Elements: Evidence from 40 Echinoid Species." *Molecular Biology and Evolution* 16(7): 938-952

Lasker, Howard R., Kim, Kiho, and Coffroth, Mary Alice. 1999. "Reproductive and Genetic Variation among Caribbean Gorgonians: the Differentiation of *Plexaura kuna*, New Species". *Bulletin of Marine Science* 58(1): 277-288.

Schaerer L., and Robertson, D. Ross. 1999. "Sperm and milt characteristics and male vs. female investment in the Caribbean reef fish *Thalassoma bifasciatum*." *Journal of Fish Biology* 55: 329-343.

our planet's climate, but we do not really understand how. The sea is still the frontier, and yet it seems so familiar that we sometimes forget how little we know about it. Just as we are poised on the verge of exploiting the sea on an unprecedented scale—mining it, fertilizing it, fishing it out—this book reminds us of how much we have yet to learn. More than that, it chronicles the knowledge explosion that has transformed our view of the sea in just the past few decades and made it a far more interesting and accessible place.

Toward a New Philosophy of Biology
By Ernst Mayr
\$19.95 (Paperback)

Ernst Mayr is one of the handful of the greatest scientific minds humankind has yet produced... This beautifully presented collection of twenty-eight articles and essays, elegantly introduced and filled with important neologisms all contributing to clarify, is so close to competing with Darwin's *Origin of Species* that I would not be surprised if history were to judge that Evolutionism in our century also is a Prophet... in short, this is one great classic.

Entrenamiento

Diseño y Análisis de Proyectos para el Manejo de la Diversidad Biológica Bacynayagua, Matanzas, Cuba, del 3-18 de octubre. \$500 (inscripción, material de trabajo (manual, programas, alimentación, alojamiento y transporte una vez en Cuba. Para mayor información visite el Web en <http://www.stanford.edu/group/CB/Courses/resumencuba.htm>

Quiénes Somos, Qué Hacemos

Toda la comunidad de STRI está cordialmente invitada a las próximas charlas de la serie "Quiénes Somos, Qué Hacemos", que se ofrecerán el martes 10 (note el cambio en la fecha) de agosto en el Auditorio del Centro Tupper, a las 4pm:

José Espino:
Buceo Científico en el Smithsonian

Suzanne Lao:
Centro de Ciencias Forestales en los Trópicos: Quiénes Somos, Qué Hacemos, y Por Qué

At the Bookstore

The Restless Sea
By Robert Kunzig,
\$24.95 (Hardcover)

The sea covers seven-tenths of the Earth, but we have mapped only a few percent of it. The sea contains millions of species of animals and plants, but we have identified only a few thousand of them. The sea controls

Miscellaneous

- Se Vende Mitsubishi Cort Vista, 1988, 4-door, automatic, with a.c. large storage area for 2700 o.b.o. Carmi Korine at 225-7476.
- For sale: 1995 Subaru Impreza; 150,000 miles; excellent running condition; \$8000. Contact D. Piperno.