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HOLIDAY

In celebration of July 4th (Independence Day-U.S.), Monday, July 5th will be a holiday for STRI employees.

SEMINARS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, July 6th, will be given by DR. THEODORE L. TARGIN, University of Connecticut, who will speak on:

Ecological correlates of amphibian exercise physiology
This seminar will be at Ancon (the Caceres-Castillo seminar originally scheduled for Tuesday will be next Tuesday evening).

On Thursday, July 8 at 12 noon, DR. TOM SPIGHT, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow, will give a seminar in the NAOS Conference Room on:
Relations between hermit crabs and snails in an understone community

Thursday (July 8 also) RACHEL LEVIN, STRI Short-term Fellow from Cornell University will give an informal seminar in the BCI Lounge after dinner on:

The adaptive significance of antiphonal song in the bay wren, Thryothorus nigricapillus

ARRIVALS

JULY 5 - BOB WARNER and ISABEL DOWNS with son, TOBBY. They will be in Panama (Naos and San Blas) until September. Dr. Warner will be continuing studies on life history and behavior hypotheses using adaptive responses of coral reef fish

JULY 5 - JOAN FERRARIS, Mt. Desert Island Biological Lab., to study physiological variation in marine shallow water Xanthid crabs, with her husband, JON NORENBURG, Marine Science Institute, Northeastern Univ., who will be studying interstitial Nemertina of the Pacific coast of Panama. They will be at Naos until August 12th.

JULY 8 - JIM KARR, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with an EARTHWATCH group.

Dr. Egbert Leigh is expected to arrive JULY 3rd. LISSY, JOHN AND MARY BRUCE LEIGH arrived this past week.

We extend a special welcome to DR. ZHENG BA-LAI, from the Kunming Institute of Zoology, People's Republic of China, who after a very long trip arrived in Panama last night. Dr. Zheng's visit is a historic first, in a collaborative program between the Academia Sinica and the Smithsonian Institution. During her stay at STRI, Dr. Zheng will be at BCI.

LIBRARY NEWS

News from Washington is that the terminal for on-line searches should arrive at STRI in about two weeks.

Visitors' signatures on the Library register amounted to 197 for June, reflecting an increase in the use of the STRI Library by the faculty and students of the University of Panama and various government officials from MIDA and RENARE.

KUNA REPRESENTATIVES VISIT COSTA RICA

STRI and CATIE (in Turrialba, Costa Rica) recently organized a trip that took KUNA representatives to visit CATIE facilities and in particular CATIE's agroforestry projects for small farmers, which are a relevant alternative to cattle raising and deforestation. The group also visited PARQUE NACIONAL CAHUITA and PARQUE NACIONAL VOLCAN POAS where techniques of management, conservation, environmental education and tourism were observed.

NOTES OF INTEREST

-STRI employees wishing to buy U.S. savings bonds should contact Ms. Carmen Sucre, at the Tivoli Office.

-If you are interested in sharing a room at Tavernilla Road, Ancon with Bruce Rifkin, please contact him at (2)52-5134, during evenings.

-For those interested in celestial events, there will be a total eclipse of the moon on July 5-6. According to the 1982 Astronomical Almanac the coming eclipse will be total for a very long time --- about 106.4 minutes. The eclipse should start at 2:30 a.m. eastern standard time on the morning of the 6th. According to our astronomy correspondent: "it could be quite dramatic", so don't miss it.

-Phones on BCI have been out of order for some time, for receiving incoming calls. While this situation persists Barbara Butler will continue to make periodic calls to the Tivoli to receive important messages.