

Tupper Seminars

Tuesday, May 2, noon seminar speaker will be Jessica Eberhard, University of California at Santa Barbara
Phylogeography of three groups of Neotropical parrots and toucans

Bambi Seminar

For information on the next Bambi seminar on Thursday, May 4, please check your e-mail and your facility's bulletin board.

Arrivals

Robert Dudley, University of Texas, May 1 - Jun 2, to work on ecophysiology of butterfly migrations in Central Panama, on BCI.

Amy Faivre, postdoctoral fellow from Ohio State University, May 1 - Jul 30, to study the microhabitat and pollinator effects on sexual and incompatibility system variation of *Psychotria* species, on BCI.

Dennis Stevenson, New York Botanical Garden, May 1 - Jun 1, to work on the pollination biology of zamias and collection of cycads of Panama.

Christiane Hueerkamp, Center for Tropical Research, Germany, May 2 - Jun 16, to study the feeding behavior of five eastern Pacific reef-building coral species, at Naos.

STRI news 2000

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panamá

April 28, 2000

Georgina de Alba appointed associate director for administration



SI Secretary Lawrence Small and Georgina de Alba, on March 27, at Tupper. (Photo by M.A. Guerra)

Director Ira Rubinoff announced the appointment of Georgina de Alba, assistant director for Fellowships and Education, as the new associate director for Administration and Finance, effective Monday, May 1st. Georgina will be in charge of Human Resources, Legal Counsel, Public Information, Protocol, Visas, Education, Fellowships, Visitor Services, Travel, and Finances. This appointment is part of a reorganization at STRI that integrates changes resulting from STRI's 2000 transition, and Secretary Small's reorganization of the Smithsonian. Both de Alba and Comptroller Leopoldo León will be part of the new STRI's Executive Committee, to be announced after completion of this reorganization process.

Georgina de Alba has a master's degree in public administration from the University of London, a MA from Tulane and a BS from Georgetown. She

started working at STRI in 1976 in the office of the special assistant to the director and in 1978 began to work in environmental education and conservation. In 1995, de Alba received the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Exhibits and Public Programs for her contributions to expand the Smithsonian's public audience, STRI's Latin American Internship Program, the establishment of the Marine Exhibition Center in Culebra, and the development of countless public awareness and educational outreach efforts. Her offices will remain at Tupper.

Georgina de Alba, nueva directora asociada para la administración

El director Ira Rubinoff anunció el nombramiento de Georgina de Alba, actual subdirectora para Becas y Educación, como nueva directora asociada para Administración y Finanzas, a partir del lunes 1ro de mayo. Georgina estará a cargo de las oficinas de Recursos Humanos, Consejería Legal, Relaciones Públicas, Protocolo, Visas, Educación, Becas, Visitantes, Viajes, y Finanzas. Este nombramiento es parte de una reorganización en STRI que incorpora los cambios del 2000 en Panamá y la reorganización del Secretario Small en el Smithsonian. Ambos, de Alba y el Contralor Leopoldo León serán parte del nuevo Comité Ejecutivo de STRI, que se anunciará tan pronto termine el proceso de reorganización.

Georgina de Alba tiene una maestría en administración pública de la Universidad de Londres, un "MA" de Tulane y un "BS" de Georgetown. Empezó a trabajar en STRI en 1976 en la oficina de la asistente especial del director, y en 1978 empezó a trabajar en educación ambiental y conservación. En 1995 recibió el Premio del Secretario por Excelencia en el Desarrollo de Exhibiciones y Programas Públicos por sus contribuciones para aumentar la audiencia del Smithsonian, por el Programa de Becas para Latinoamericanos, el establecimiento del Centro de Exhibiciones en Culebra, y el desarrollo de innumerables programas de educación y actividades para generar conciencia pública.

New STRI publications

Coates, Anthony G. 1999. "Lathostratigraphy of the Neogene strata of the Caribbean coast from Limon, Costa Rica, to Colon, Panama." *Bulletins of American Paleontology* 357: 17-40.

Basset, Y., Charles, E.L. and Novotny, V. 1999. "Insect herbivores on parent trees and conspecific seedlings in a Guyana rain forest." *Selbyana* 20: 146-158.

López, Omar R. and Kursar, Thomas A. 1999. "Flood tolerance of four tropical tree species." *Tree Physiology* 19: 925-932.

Novotny, V. and Basset, Y. 1999. "Body size and host plant specialisation: a relationship from a community of herbivorous insects from New Guinea." *Journal of Tropical Ecology* 15: 315-328.

Novotny, V., Basset, Y., Auga, J., Boen, W., Dal, C., Drozd, P., Kasbal, M. Isua, B., Kutil, R., Manumbor, M. and Molem, K. 1999. "Predation risk for herbivorous insects on tropical vegetation: a search for enemy-free space and time". *Australian Journal of Ecology* 24: 477-483.

Yanoviak, Stephen P. 1999. "Distribution and abundance of *Microvelia cavicola* Polhemus (Heteroptera: Veliidae) on Barro Colorado Island, Panamá". *Journal of New York Entomological Society* 107(1): 38-45.

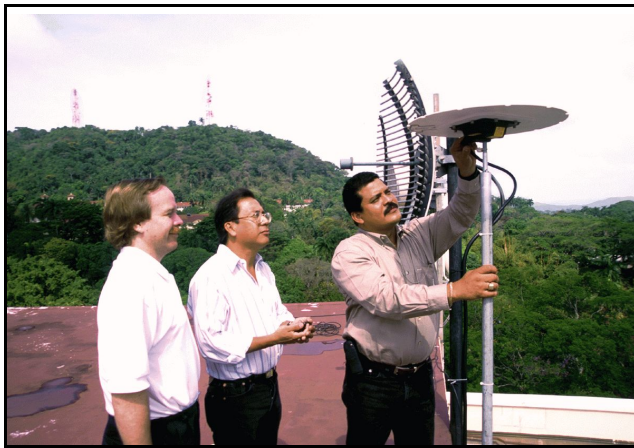


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la instalación de una antena de GPS (sistema de posición geográfica) que suministró OIT, en el último piso de los laboratorios Tupper. Este sistema permite obtener medidas exactas en el campo. La Estación registra automáticamente de 6am a 7pm, de lunes a viernes. Si necesita usarla fuera de estas horas o requiere mayor información, póngase en contacto con Steve Paton, tel. 212-8097.

Steve Paton, Environmental Science Project, and OIT officer Francisco Rivera observe Luis Moreno during the installation of a new Trimble GPS (Geographical Positioning System) provided by OIT, on top of the Tupper Laboratories. This will permit accuracy for field measurements using GPS equipment. The Station will automatically record from 6am to 7pm, Mon-Fri. If you need to record outside these times, or further information, please contact Steve Paton, tel. 212-8097.

Steve Paton, del proyecto de ciencias ambientales y Francisco Rivera, director de Informática, observan a Luis Moreno durante

“STRIPHOTO”

“STRIPHOTO” is the new e-mail address designed to request any photographic service provided by the Photo-Department and the Digital Imaging Lab. Recipients of this e-group are Raineldo Urriola, Marcos Guerra, Lina González and Nely Flores.

“STRIPHOTO” es la nueva dirección electrónica diseñada para recibir requisiciones para los servicios fotográficos que se ofrecen en el Departamento de Fotografía y en el Laboratorio de Imágenes Digitales. Los recipientes de este grupo electrónico son Raineldo Urriola, Marcos Guerra, Lina González y Nely Flores.

AFCU required deposit is \$5

In an effort to make it more affordable for employees to become AFCU members, the required deposit to join the Credit Union has been reduced from \$100 to \$5. Membership applications are available at Celideth de León's office in the Tivoli Building.

Con el objeto de que sea más fácil para los empleados entrar como miembros a AFCU, el depósito mínimo cambió de \$100 a \$5. Aplicaciones para entrar a AFCU se encuentran en la Oficina de Celideth de León en Tivoli.

Informa

Hoja Informativa de Recursos Humanos

Vadd:

Recientemente bajaron las primas en el sistema de seguros Vadd del Smithsonian. Esto no significa que la cobertura haya sido reducida. Cualquier pregunta favor ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de Recursos Humanos.

Cumpleaños de mayo

Aurelio Virgo	5	Juan Martínez	13
Maribel González	2	Gabriel Jácome	13
John Christy	4	Claudia Díaz	15
Steve Paton	5	Gilberto Howell	15
Natacha Chandler	5	Alejandro Arze	17
Angel Aguirre	5	Ubaldo Pimentel	17
Ernesto Peña	7	Angélica Elizondo	19
Gabriela Echelecu	12	Adalberto Gómez	20
Rodolfo Murillo	12	Anthony Coates	20
Rigo A. Hurtado	12	Doroteo Machado	22
Osmila Sánchez	13	Oscar Jiménez	29
Juan Barriá	13	David Roiz	29
Juan Dutari	13	Nancy Knowlton	30

From “Science Group”

Fitz Production, a film company that will be in Panama from May 15-19, is looking for persons studying the following...

Fitz Productions	agouti	coyote	margay	puma
6 Todd Road	anteater	crab eating raccoon	ocelot	quetzal
Lexington, MA 02420 USA	bats	gray fox	olingo	red squirrel
ph/fax 781 676-7796	bush dog	jaguarundi	panther	sloth
	butterfly	kinkajou	peccary	tapir
	capybara	little spotted cat	primates	tayra
	coati			