

Tupper seminar

Tue, Nov 14, noon seminar speaker will be Rick Condit, STRI
How many tree species in the Panama Canal watershed?

Bambi seminar

Thu, Nov 16, Bambi seminar speaker will be Ignacio Barberis, Cambridge University, UK
Effects of above- and below-ground competition on seedling growth of shade-tolerant tree species

Arrivals

Didier Bouchon, Université de Poitiers, France, Nov 12-19, to study *Wolbachia* in isopods and their effects on sex determination, at Tupper.

David Allsop, University of Edinburgh, U.K., Nov 14 - Dec 20, to learn relevant techniques and gain practical insights on marine research with Lucas Schaerer, in Bocas del Toro.

Karl Gruber, Universidad de Chiriquí, Panamá, Nov 15 - Dec 15, to work as intern with Eldredge Bermingham and Helena Fortunato, at Naos.

Heinrich Krause, University of Dusseldorf, Germany, Nov 15 - Dec 15, to study the photoinhibition of photosynthesis in leaves of tropical plants, at Tupper.

Departures

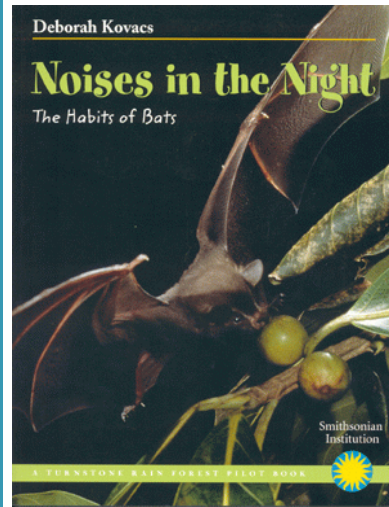
Fernando Santos-Granero, Nov 14-26 to San Francisco, CA, to participate at the AAA Congress with the conference *Boundaries are made to be crossed: the magic and politics of boundary making in eastern Peru*, and contribute as councillor and editor for the Society for Latin American Anthropology. Then to Washington, DC, to work at the SI National Archives.



Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panamá

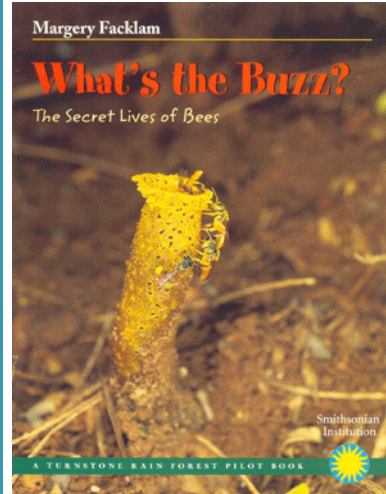
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Book series on STRI research for children

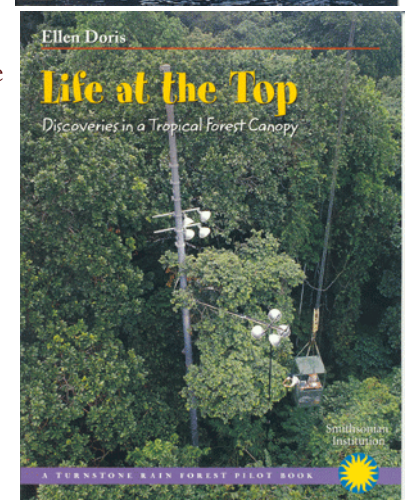
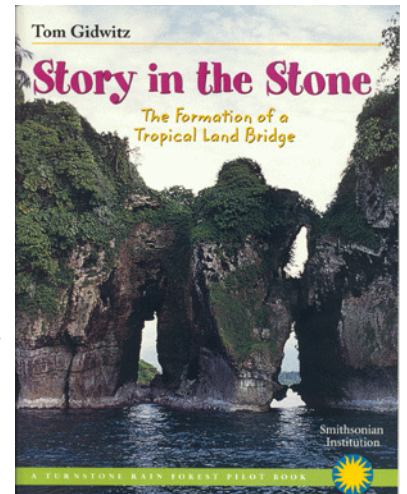
The Turnstone Publishing Group joined STRI to create the Turnstone Rain Forest Pilot series of books for students, that presents STRI scientists in action, as they pioneer the exploration of the tropics and gather information to understand and preserve this diverse and fragile ecosystem. The books are *Noises in the night: the habits of bats*, by Deborah Kovacs, *What's the buzz: the secret lives of bees*, by Margery Facklam, *Life at the top: discovering a tropical forest canopy*, by Ellen Doris, and *Story in the stone: the formation of the tropical land bridge*, by Tom Gidwitz. For more information please visit: www.turnstonepub.com



La Turstone Publishing Group se unió a STRI para crear una serie piloto de libros para estudiantes que presenta a los científicos de STRI en acción, mientras llevan a cabo exploraciones en los trópicos y recogen información para entender y preservar este frágil y diverso ecosistema. Los libros son: *Noises in the night: the habits of bats* [Sonidos en la noche: los

hábitos de los murciélagos] por Deborah Kovacs, *What's the buzz: the secret lives of bees* [Qué es el zumbido: la vida secreta de las abejas], por Margery Facklam, *Life at the top: discovering a tropical forest canopy* [La vida en las alturas: descubriendo el dosel del bosque] por Ellen Doris, y *Story in the stone: the formation of the tropical land bridge* [La historia en la piedra: la formación de un puente natural en el trópico] por Tom Gidwitz. Para mayor información visite: www.turnstonepub.com

Serie de libros para niños sobre investigaciones de STRI



More departures

Steve Paton, Nov 11 - Dec 4, to Kenya, to check and upgrade meteorological equipment in Mpala.

Congratulations!

To Natacha Chandler and Edgardo Molina for the birth of their daughter on Wednesday, November 8. She weighed 7.7lb and measured 50cm

New STRI publications

Harley, Peter C., Monson, Russell K. and Lerday, Maneul T. 1999. "Ecological and evolutionary aspects of isoprene emission from plants." *Oecologia* 118: 109-123.

Hau, Michaela, Wikelski, Martin and Wingfield, John C. 2000. "Visual and nutritional food cues fine-tune timing of reproduction in a neotropical rainforest bird." *Journal of Experimental Zoology* 286: 494.504.

Keller, Michael and Lerday, Manuel. 1999. "Isoprene emission from tropical forest canopy leaves." *Global Biochemical Cycles* 13(1): 19-29.

Lessios, Harilaos A., Garrido, M. and Kessing, Bailey D. 2000. "When did Caribbean *Diadema antillarum* expand its population?" (Abstract). In: *World coral reefs in the new millennium: bridging research and management for sustainable development*. 79. Bali: 9th International Coral Reef Symposium.

Wikelski, Martin, Hau, Michaela and Wingfield, John C. 2000. "Seasonality of reproduction in a neotropical rain forest bird." *Ecology* 81(9): 2458-2472.

STRI in the news

"Ancient food for thought" by Warwick Bray. 2000. *Nature* 408(November 9): 145-146

Our condolences

To Marcell Epailly and his family, for the death of his father, on Monday, November 6.

OIT engineers selected for IEEE committees

The Institute for Electric and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) selected STRI's Office of Information Technology computer specialists Tania Quiel and Fernando Bouche, as members of their working committees. IEEE, based in New Jersey, is the world's largest professional engineering organization that groups more than 350,000 international members and 36 technical societies in electronics, computing, networking, communications, etc. Tania Quiel was appointed member of the editorial board of IEEE monthly newspaper, and Fernando Bouche was named coordinator of the Computer Society's Chapters Activities Board as Region 9 (Latin America), and is candidate for the Division V Professional Activities Board. He will join the board in a IEEE meeting to be held this month in Dallas.

El Instituto de Ingenieros Eléctricos y Electrónicos (IEEE) nombró a Tania Quiel y Fernando Bouche, ingenieros de la Oficina de Informática de STRI en dos de sus comités técnicos. IEEE, con Base in New Jersey, es la organización profesional más grande del mundo, con 350,000 ingenieros afiliados y 36 sociedades técnicas en electrónica, computación, redes, comunicación, etc. Tania Quiel fue nombrada para ser parte del Comité Editorial del periódico mensual de IEEE, y Fernando Bouche fue nombrado coordinador en el Sociedad de Computación para Actividades en Latinoamérica (Región 9), y es candidato a la junta directiva de División V de Actividades Profesionales. Bouche tomará posesión de su cargo durante un congreso de IEEE que se llevará a cabo este mes, en Dallas.

Ingenieros de OIT nombrados en comités de IEEE

STRI legal matters

Natacha Chandler will be on maternity leave until February 7th. Legal matters will be handled by STRI external attorneys during this period. If you need assistance, please contact Georgina de Alba at the Tupper Center, ext. 8031.

Asuntos legales de STRI

Natacha Chandler estará en licencia de maternidad hasta el 7 de febrero. Los asuntos legales serán manejados por los abogados externos de STRI durante este período. Si necesita asistencia, favor de ponerse en contacto con Georgina de Alba, en el Centro Tupper, ext. 8031.

Beca BCI

(Isla de Barro Colorado)

Anualmente, el personal residente de BCI otorga una beca para un proyecto de investigación individual con el apoyo de la Oficina de Educación de STRI. El objetivo de la beca es proporcionar una oportunidad a un estudiante de biología para llevar a cabo una investigación de campo en la Isla, con miras a un título universitario. Se dará prioridad a estudiantes que estén dispuestos a quedarse en Barro Colorado durante el proyecto, que puede ser en cualquier época del año. Los solicitantes deben entregar una propuesta de investigación (menos de 3 páginas), un presupuesto, curriculum vitae y dos cartas de recomendación. La beca proveerá \$500 para gastos de alojamiento y materiales. Para mayor información favor dirigirse a la Oficina de Educación de STRI, en el Centro Tupper. Fecha límite: 30 de noviembre