

SEMINAR NEWS

Tuesday, April 10: for the luncheon seminar at Ancon, our speaker will be RICK LOWELL, University of Alberta. The subject of his talk is:

Effect of Unpredictability on Safety Factors of Biological Structures: A Test Using Intertidal Limpets

ANDREW LAURI, Cambridge University, is coming from the Charles Darwin Research Station for a brief visit to BCI (April 7-10). He is scheduled to give a seminar April 9 9 (after dinner) in the BCI Lounge on:

Marine Iguanas in the Galapagos

Please, R.S.V.P. to B. Cusatti, 52-2124, if you plan to attend.

ARRIVALS

Arrived this week:

MARK SCHILDHAUER and COLIN STEELE, University of California at Santa Barbara, to work on R. Warner's project involving the study of life history and behavior theory using adaptive responses of coral reef fish. They will be in the San Blas for several months.

Returned, KEN CLIFTON, University of California at Santa Barbara to continue his Smithsonian predoctoral project on territorial groups of the striped parrotfish, Scarus iserti, in the San Blas.

JOB KUIST, University of Lethbridge Alberta, an expert on parasitic plants, will be visiting Panama from April 8-15.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books received:

- Birds of Tropical America (A.F. Skutch, 1983).
- Changing Climate (National Academy, 1983).
- Civilization in the Ancient America: Essays in Honor of G. R. Willey, ed. by R. Levanthal and A. L. Kolata).
- Dear Lord Rothschild (M. Rothschild, 1983).
- Disturbance and Ecosystems (ed. by H.A. Mooney y M. Godron, 1983).
- Domesticated Animals from Early Times (J. Clutton-Brock, 1983).
- Forest Microclimatology (R. Lee, 1978).
- Insect-Clocks. 2nd edition (D.S. Saunders, 1982).
- Language and Linguistics (J. Lyons, 1981).
- Patterns of Evolution in Galapagos Organisms (Ed. by R. I. Bowman, et al, 1983).
- Rice in West Africa Policy and Economics (S.R. Pearson, 1981).

LIBRARY (cont.)

Missing from the library collection the reference book: TROPICA. Please return as soon as possible, it is needed by other users.

REMINDERS

-There will be a scientific staff meeting Tuesday, April 10, at 9:30 in the Ancon Conference Room.

-The monthly administrative meeting will be on Friday, April 13 at 3 pm in the Tivoli Conference Room.

EVENTS

-La Asociación para la Conservación Ambiental de Panamá invites you and your family to their only presentation in Panama City of their FESTIVAL MOVIL DE EDUCACION AMBIENTAL on Sunday, April 8 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Museo del Hombre Panameño. This project was created to convey the meaning and importance of environmental conservation to rural audiences (particularly children) and toured through different areas of Panama during February and March.

-From March 24-29 fifty high school students from various conservation and civic groups attended an outing at Isla Margarita, organized by the GRUPO PRO CONSERVACION DE ISLA MARGARITA and AECAP. The students received an orientation on ecological concepts and environmental education, and worked to prepare certain areas of the park for public use.

GRANT APPROVED

LEONARD FREED, University of Hawaii, received a grant from the National Geographic Society to continue his work in Panama on the evolution of clutch size in a tropical passerine.

MISSING

From the Office of Conservation, the book: LOS PRINCIPALES MAMIFEROS SILVESTRES DE PANAMA, by E. Mendez. If you have it, please call J. Ventocilla at the Tivoli.

IGUANAS IN THE NEWS

LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA (SUNDAY, APRIL 1st) carried the article: "La Iguana: Un Recurso Natural Renovable" by J. VENTOCILLA with photos by T. MILLER. Describing the iguana's natural history, it highlights the efforts undertaken by STRI's iguana management project under the direction of D. Werner, and the collaboration received from RENARE, IDIAP and other Panamanian institutions.