

SCIENTIFIC STAFF MEETING

The first scientific staff meeting for 1983 will be held this Tuesday, January 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

SEMINAR NEWS

The noon seminar at Ancon on Tuesday, January 11th will be given by JAMES WATANABE, Univ. of California at Berkeley, who will speak on:

Factors influencing the spatial distribution patterns of 3 herbivorous gastropods in a temperate kelp forest habitat

At 2 pm, also on Tuesday in the Ancon Conference Room, COBY SCHAL, University of Massachusetts will be giving a seminar, the title of which will be announced on Monday.

COMINGS & GOINGS

Expected to arrive this week is JUAN RUIZ, Universidad de la Amazonia Peruana, on an EXXON Assistantship to work on the project: "Detailed map of a 50 hectare section of forest on Barro Colorado Island".

JANUARY 9 - Arriving, COBY SCHAL, University of Massachusetts, for a five day visit to STRI, during which he will be giving a seminar.

LIBRARY NEWS

Reference for several of the library's users was severely hampered this last week by the disappearance of three books, missing since last year's inventory. Possibly the borrower(s) forgot to sign and leave the loan cards. In any event, the prompt return of the following would be greatly appreciated:

- Delacour, Jean and Dean Amador. Croassows and related birds.
- Peterson, Roger Tory. A field guide to the birds of Britain and Europe.
- Young, Philip and James Howe. Ritual and symbol in native Central America.

A WORD OF THANKS

On Tuesday, December 21st the children of Las Pavas, a community on the west bank of the Barro Colorado Nature Monument had a wonderful Xmas Party, organized by the STRI Gamewardens. A special thanks to all at STRI who collaborated in some way to make the party such a success.

NOTE

Banks, business establishments, etc. will be closed on Monday, January 10, which has been declared an official holiday in celebration of January 9 (DIA DE LOS MARTIRES). STRI offices will remain open.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

During the next two months, iguanas will be more conspicuous than they are at any other time of the year. Females migrate to nesting sites and males also seem to come to the ground more frequently. STAN RAND would appreciate receiving any road kills that are found; these will be used to continue studies of size, bone growth rings, number of eggs, and stomach contents. Live animals will be used to increase the colony of captive animals at Summit Gardens, for the iguana management project.

Anyone finding a road kill please send it to Argelis Ruiz at Ancon; anyone catching a live iguana should contact Stan Rand at Ancon (52-2485) or BCI (522142).

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DEPOSIT OF RESEARCH SPECIMENS

Researchers working on BCI are reminded that the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) is a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution and should be regarded as the appropriate place to deposit specimens of species on which their BCI studies are based. STRI or SI supported Fellows should try to give priority to the NMNH in seeking a permanent depository for voucher specimens and research collection materials.

Fellows carrying out studies elsewhere in Panama should also try to deposit some of the materials that they may collect with the NMNH. This recommendation does not absolve researchers from the primary responsibility to deposit specimens with the Government of Panama, since this is a condition for the issuance of collecting permits by Panamanian Government agencies. Furthermore, we recognize that in cases where help in determining specimens is not available from the NMNH, some specimens should, in all courtesy, be deposited with whatever institution is prepared to do the taxonomic determinations.

EQUIPMENT MISSING

The following items have been reported as missing as a result of the 1982 Physical Inventory conducted at STRI. If you are presently using any of the items listed below, please contact MERCEDES ARROYO immediately.

ROYAL Typewriter SI Tag# 061067
UNDERWOOD Manual Typewriter SI
Tag# 168453
BELL & HOWELL movie projector 16mm
SI Tag# 13789
TRINOUIT binoculars 7x35 SI Tag#
153090
HOYA binoculars 7x35 SI Tag#
165704
PENTAX binoculars 7x35 SI
Tag# 168458