



STRI NEWSLETTER

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STRI TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

We are in the process of up-dating the STRI Telephone Directory. All STRI employees are requested to check their own entry and notify any changes, either in duty station, telephone numbers or address, to Mrs. Gloria Maggiori, Tivoli, as soon as possible. Please send the information in writing. The last directory was printed in June, 1981, so if no changes are notified, we will assume that all the information is still the same.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, March 9th will be given by Dr. Leonard Freed, SI Postdoctoral Fellow from the University of Iowa. The subject of his seminar will be:

Optimal Foraging by Parental House Wrens: Change in Decision Rules Caused by a Nest Predator

Please note: Due to the renovation of the Ancon Conference Room, the luncheon seminar will once again be held in the CONFERENCE ROOM of the GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY (down the hill from the Ancon Bldg.) Bldg. 265, Gorgas Road, at 12 noon.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

MARCH 5 - Arriving, Dr. Thomas Herbert and Mr. Perry Larsen, University of Miami, to BCI, for one week, to conduct studies on leaf movement and orientation in Calathea lutea.

MARCH 7 Arriving, Kevin Hogan, University of Illinois, for 6 months on BCI, to work with Dr. Carol Augspurger (see below).

MARCH 9 Arriving, Dr. Michael Ryan, Cornell University, to collaborate in the BBC Film on the Batfrog relationship.

MARCH 11 Arriving, Dr. Jim Karr, University of Illinois with an EARTHWATCH group.

MARCH 12 - Arriving, Dr. Carol Augspurger, and Collen Kelly, to study "Factors influencing seed distribution of wind-dispersed trees" in BCI.

Leaving March 9th, DR. IRA RUBINOFF, for Quito, Ecuador, to attend the meetings of the Charles Darwin Research Station Board of Directors. He will be returning to STRI on the 13th of this month.

LIBRARY NEWS

Some abstracts and indexes, though of particular interest to STRI tend to be overlooked because they are shelved in the carrel-study area rather than with the serials. Noteworthy among them are:

Library (cont.)

Animal Behaviour Abstracts
Applied Ecology Abstracts
Ecology Abstracts
Excerpta Botánica
Indice Agrícola de América Latina y el Caribe

FOR SALE

Photographic equipment in excellent condition:

-Canon A-1
-Canon FD 50 mm f1.8 lens
-Canon FD 28 mm f2.8 lens
-Vivitar Series I 70-210 mm f3.5 macro-focusing auto zoom lens
-Vivitar automatic teleconverter 3X-4 (FL-FD).
-Vivitar Zoom thyrister 2500 flash. and other items. If interested, please call Antonio or Alfredo Montaner at 60-8383.

TRAVELING THROUGH ICE

Midnight, boarding the last train
your body desiring sleep, your mind
relentlessly awake, you lean against
a seat comfortable as a bony shoulder
and a longed-for loneliness descends.

In the window of the empty car
shines the image of one no longer with us.
It must have been something important
bringing him, from the warm places
to this frozen city.

Outside a shell of ice
gleams on the snow-covered fields.
The stars are hidden
in the red glow of the fog
an icicle falls and shatters the pure
silence.
Rising up in defiance against the wind,
the jet
attacked by ice, tore at the bridge with its
talons,
shuddered, then disemboweled
it sank in the living water
beneath a crystal sky.

Long after the displaced gulls have ceased
their screaming
his work, committed to paper, will be
remembered,
the invisible journeys of flesh made word
unshaken
by the force of the crash, unswallowed by the
river
he is among the survivors.

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