



STRI NEWSLETTER

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LETTING IN THE JUNGLE

Early this dry season one of the families that had been living in the Barro Colorado Nature Monument was resettled on a farm outside of its boundaries. The abandoned buildings were burned and some of the introduced fruit trees were cut.

In the few weeks since the site was abandoned the native animals have begun to move back. Iguanas have nested in the ashes of one of the buildings and a crocodile has built her nest between the place where the house had been and the site of the old outhouse.

LIBRARY NEWS

Lists of missing books have been posted on various bulletin boards at BCI, NAOS, and in the STRI Library. Please check your offices and labs and advise the library if you find any of these. The records are being sent to Washington to be merged into the COMFICHE and we would like to have them as accurate as possible.

The Library has acquired a copy of the MEMORIA of the IV SIMPOSIO LATINOAMERICANO DE ACUICULTURA, ENERO 25-29, 1982.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, March 16, will be given by Dr. Stuart Pimm, Texas Tech University, who will speak on:

"Food Web Dynamics"

Reprints of papers by Dr. Pimm on this subject are available for consultation at the Librarian's Desk in the STRI Library.

The seminar will be at the GORGAS MEMORIAL CONFERENCE ROOM (Bldg. 265, Gorgas Road, down the hill from the Ancon Bldg.).

This evening, Friday, March 12, at 6 p.m. Dr. Dave Roubik, STRI, will be giving a seminar at the Biblioteca Simon Bolivar, Universidad de Panama on: "La Abeja Africanizada".

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES FOR NATIONAL PARK IN COSTA RICA-PANAMA BORDER

The PARQUE NACIONAL DE LA AMISTAD will be inaugurated next Friday, March 19th by the Presidents of Costa Rica and Panama and STRI officials have been invited to attend.

TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGED

Please note that the telephone number for Dr. Linares' Lab has been changed to (2)82-3901.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

- March 14 - Leaving Dr. Mark Denny to give a seminar at Stanford University on: "Slime---the role of mucous in gastropod locomotion". He will be away for approximately one week.
- March 15 - Arriving, Rachel Levin, Cornell University on an Educational Outreach Short-term Fellowship to study: "Adaptive significance of antiphonal song in *Thryothoru nigricapillus*". She will be at Gamboa for three months.
- Arriving, Bill Pfitsch, Univ. of Washington, to work in Dr. Alan Smith's project: "Ecology of understory herbs" on BCI.
- March 16 - Leaving, Dr. Michael Robinson for Costa Rica to attend the Executive Committee Meeting of the OTS. He will be returning on the 20th.
- March 17 - Leaving, Dr. Robert Dressler for Costa Rica for 2 days. He has been invited by the Costa Rican Orchid Society to judge their exhibition. He will be returning to STRI March 21.
- March 18 - Leaving Dr. Priya Davidar, SI Postdoctoral Fellow after being at STRI for one year.

NEEDED

For one week, a pair of 5x oculars for a WILD dissecting microscope. Please contact Peter Glynn at (2)52-2579, if willing to loan.

FOR SALE

Whirlpool frost-free refrigerator, 15 cu ft. 3 years old. \$500. Call Linda Ashkenas, (2)52-5134 evenings.