

Tupper seminar

Tue, May 28, noon seminar speaker will be Duur Aanen, University of Copenhagen
The evolution of fungus growing termites and their mutualists

Bambi seminar

No Bambi scheduled for next week. Please check your bulletin boards and e-mail for last minute news.

Arrivals

Robin Armstrong, University of Georgia, May 25-Aug 2, for a seedling census with Stephen Hubbell, on BCI

Evandro De Oliveira, Universidade do Minas Gerais, Brazil, May 25-Jul 10, to work as intern with Bob Dudley and Robert Srygley, on BCI.

Stanley Rand, STRI, May 27 - Aug, for his summer field season, continuing the Túngara frog project, in Gamboa.

Eleven members from the U.S. Congress including Congressman Bob Ney, from Ohio, May 27-31, to learn about STRI operations and issues.

April Connelly, Yale University, May 27-Agu 26, to work with PRORENA on farmers' preferences and use of native tree species in Los Santos, Panama.

Christine Miller, University of Montana, May 27-Aug 4, to study the influence of maternal effects on the evolution of a sexually selected trait in the leaf-footed bug, *Leptoglossus gonagra* (Hemiptera: Coreidae), on BCI.

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Whale exhibit opens in Galeta

On May 24, 2001, volunteers from Refinería Panamá, the University of Panamá and McGill University joined the Galeta Marine Laboratories' staff to collect the bones of a Bryde's Whale or Tropical Whale (*Balaenoptera edeni*) in Colón (first photo). At that time, Galeta marine biologist Inéz Campbell promised the *STRI news* that, even though some vertebra and ribs were missing from the whale, they would "put this puzzle together, anyway!" Less than a year after, on Friday, May 10, Campbell, with the collaboration of the Galeta staff and the support of Refinería Panamá, Rotary Club, Texaco and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), inaugurated the whale exhibit. The inauguration was attended by more than 175 visitors including students from schools from Panama and Colón (second and third photos). In the fourth photo, Galeta Marine Laboratories coordinator Stanley Heckadon joins Ricardo Morales from Texaco, Inéz Campbell, and Víctor Chong from the Rotary Club, for a group photo. (Photos: M. A. Guerra)



El 24 de mayo de 2001, voluntarios de Refinería Panamá, la Universidad de Panamá y la Universidad de McGill, se unieron al personal del Laboratorio Marino de Galeta para coleccionar los huesos de una ballena tropical *Balaenoptera edeni* en Colón (primera foto). En aquel tiempo, la bióloga marina de Galeta Inéz Campbell prometió a *STRI news* que, aún cuando faltaban algunas vértebras y costillas de la ballena, "¡vamos a armar ese rompecabezas de todos modos!". Un año después, el viernes 10 de mayo, Campbell, con la colaboración del resto del personal de Galeta y el apoyo de Refinería Panamá, Texaco, el Club Rotario y Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), inauguró la exhibición de la ballena. Más de 175 visitantes, incluyendo estudiantes de Panamá y Colón (segunda y tercera foto) asistieron a la inauguración. En la cuarta foto, Stanley Heckadon, científico encargado del Laboratorio Marino de Galeta se une a Ricardo Morales de Texaco, Inéz Campbell y Víctor Chong del Club Rotario, para una foto de grupo durante el evento.

Se inaugura exhibición de ballena en Galeta

More arrivals

Fernando Montealegre and Fernando Vargas, University of Toronto, May 27-Jun 4, to study musical stridulation mechanisms in tettigonids, with special reference to the genus *Panacanthus* Walker, at El Copé and Fortuna.

Ira Rubinoff, STRI, May 28-Jun 2, to host the congressional visit.

Virgine Canoine, University of California at Los Angeles, May 28-Jun 20, to work with Michaela Hau, in Gamboa.

John Chapman, Leslie Harris, Gretchen and Charles Lambert, Fabio Pitombo, Sergio Salazar and Brian Nysor, May 29, to work with Andrew Cohen, at Naos and Galeta.

Barbara Bliem, May 29 - Jul 14, to work as volunteer with Alex Lang and Heinrich Roemer, on BCI.

Shallim Busch, University of Washington, May 30-Nov 15, to study the physiological constraints and reproductive endocrinology of the Song Wren (*Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*) across the Isthmus of Panama, in Gamboa.

Sarah Benfield, intern from Heriot-Watt University, U.K., May 31, to work with Héctor Guzmán, at Galeta.

Departures

Roberto Ibáñez, May 23-28, to Costa Rica, to attend the first meeting of the Research and Analysis Network for Neotropical Amphibians, sponsored by NSF.

John Christy, May 26-Jun 7, to Valdivia, Chile, to attend a symposium on the behavior of Crustaceans at the XXII *Congreso de Ciencias del Mar*.



Old STRI dorm at Naos turned over to Panama

STRI formalized the turn-over of the old dorm at Naos (foreground) to the Panamanian authorities. The photo (taken in 1959) shows two Panama Canal old wooden buildings that came into STRI use in the late 60's. The old dorm housed the office and laboratory of anthropologist Olga F. Linares and research assistant Marialuz Calderón from 1971 to 1983. The building in the background served as laboratory for Peter Glynn and assistants for most of the time he was a STRI scientist (1967-1985).

STRI formalizó la entrega del viejo dormitorio en Naos (en primer plano) a las autoridades panameñas. La foto de arriba (tomada en 1959) muestra dos viejos edificios de madera del Canal de Panamá que fueron cedidos a STRI a finales de los 60. El viejo dormitorio sirvió de oficina y laboratorio de la antropóloga Olga F. Linares y su asistente de investigación, Marialuz Calderón de 1971 a 1983. El edificio en segundo plano fue laboratorio de Peter Glynn, durante casi todo el tiempo que fungió como científico en STRI (1967-1985).

Joint publications with "Panamá Viejo"

STRI and "Patronato Panamá Viejo" joined in the production of two brochures, "Panamá la Vieja - Casco Antiguo: Cambio y Continuidad" by Beatriz Rovira and Eduardo Tejeira Davis, and "Panamá La Vieja: Resumen histórico y guía de sus ruinas" by José de la Cruz.

STRI y el Patronato Panamá Viejo se unieron en la producción de dos panfletos, "Panamá la Vieja - Casco Antiguo: Cambio y Continuidad" por Beatriz Rovira and Eduardo Tejeira Davis, and "Panamá La Vieja: Resumen histórico y guía de sus ruinas" por José de la Cruz.



Publicaciones conjuntas con Panamá Viejo

More departures

Olga F. Linares, May 28-Jun 2, to Toronto, Canada, to attend the meetings of the Canadian Africanists Association.

Cristián Samper, May 29-Jun 2, to Quito, Ecuador, at the invitation of the Ministry of the Environment, to attend the *Ira. Cumbre Iberoamericana de Turismo y Ambiente*.

Condolences

To Aurelio Virgo and his family, for the death of his father, on Thursday, May 9.

To Onanchi Ureña and her family, for the death of her father, Aristides Ureña, on Mon, May 20.

To David Roiz and his family, for the death of his father, Daniel Roiz, on Thu, May 23.

New publications

Dudley, Robert. 2002. "Fermenting fruit and the historical ecology of ethanol ingestion: is alcoholism in modern humans an evolutionary hangover?" *Addiction* 97: 381-388.

Lachniet, Matthew S. 2002. "Interhemispheric climate linkages, edited by Vera Markgraf (Book review)." *The Holocene* 12(3): 377.

Losi, Christopher, and Morales, Juan E. 2001. "Allometric regression for improved estimation of carbon sequestration of two neotropical tree species." *TRI News* 20(Spring): 40-44.

Moreno, Ricardo. 2002. "Atrayentes para felinos." *Scientia* (Panama) 15(1): 115-117.

Nicholson, Lirsten E., Ibáñez D., Roberto, Jaramillo A., César A., and Lips, Karen R. 2001. "Morphological variation in the tropical anole, *Anolis casildae* (Squamata: Polychrotidae)." *Revista de Biología Tropical* 49(2): 709-714.