

Bambi on Monday

Monday, October 28, Bambi seminar speaker will be Thomas H. White, from Puerto Rican Parrot Recovery Program in Rio Grande Conservation and recovery efforts for the endangered Puerto Rican Parrot

Tupper seminar

On Tue, Oct 29, we will host a legislative visit, and there will be no noon seminar.

Arrivals

Kyle Harms, Louisiana State University, Oct 26 - Nov 15, to establish Forest Dynamics Research Plots at Fortuna.

Lynn Martin and Jason Lewittes, Princeton University, Oct 26 - Nov 15, to study immunological comparisons of house sparrow, in Gamboa.

Ricardo Betancur, Mellon intern from INVEMAR, Colombia, Oct 30 - Jan 31, to study the evolution of American marine catfish, at Naos.

Liz Moreno and Carlos Arias, Universidad de los Andes, Nov 1 - Dec 1, to study the genealogy of mitochondrial and nuclear DNA, at Naos.

Departures

Eldredge Bermingham, Oct 27 - Nov 1, to Washington DC, to attend the Conservation Genetics Workshop, and conduct official business at SI, then to Durham, NC, to present a seminar at Duke University.

Allen Herre, Oct 30 - Nov 4, to Montreal, to present a seminar at McGill University.



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Correa elected president for Herbaria network

STRI staff scientist Mireya Correa (also with the University of Panama), was elected president of the Mesoamerican and Caribbean Herbaria Network for the period of 2002-2004, during the 8th Latin American Congress of Botany, held from October 13-18, in Cartagena, Colombia. Previously, Correa served as president of the network from 1996-2000. STRI research assistant Maria Staff working with Correa, was elected treasurer of the network. Also at the Congress, Nayda Flores, former student of staff scientist Noris Salazar-Allen and with the ICBG project, received the first prize for the best poster session in Bryology, that features her bachelor's thesis research on mosses communities at Cerro Hoya National Park.

Mireya Correa, científica de STRI y profesora en la Universidad de Panamá fue elegida presidenta de la Red de Herbarios de Mesoamérica y el Caribe para el período de 2002-2004, durante el 8vo. Congreso Latinoamericano de Botánica, llevado a cabo del 13 al 18 de octubre, en Cartagena, Colombia. Anteriormente, Correa había servido como presidenta de esta red para el período de 1996-2000. La asistente de investigación de STRI, María Staff, quien trabaja con Correa, fue elegida tesorera de la Red. También, durante el Congreso, la botánica Nayda Flores, antigua alumna de la científica Noris Salazar-Allen, y actualmente con el Proyecto ICBG de STRI, ganó el primer lugar por el mejor cartel en la sección de Briología, que describe su trabajo de investigación para tesis de licenciatura, sobre Comunidades de Musgos Corticícolas del Parque Nacional Cerro Hoya.

Series of talks on STRI research

In collaboration with SI National Zoological Park (NZIP) and STRI, the Science Outreach Programs in Tropical Biology at NZP initiated a series of lectures about STRI's tropical biology research and researchers. The first lecture, in March 2002, was given by Elizabeth Royte, author of *The tapir's morning bath*, a book about BCI researchers. Staff scientist Stanley Heckadon-Moreno inaugurated the fall season of talks with the presentation "The Chagres: Panama's River of Interoceanic Communication". He also participated in the Zoo's informal science program for youth at Columbia Heights in Mt. Pleasant, where he gave a talk to Latino children on the mangroves of the Galeta Marine Laboratory. In addition, Heckadon was invited to participate in the NMNH's Baird Film and Lecture Series and to present a final report to the SI Women's Committee on projects at Galeta that have received financial support from the Committee. Other speakers will include scientists Richard Cooke, Bill Laurance, and Jaqueline Giacalone.



On leave

María Leone, Nov 1 - Dec 5.
Please contact Gloria Maggiori for matters related to the Visitor Services Office, at the Tupper Center.

New publications

Cordero, Roberto A., and Nilsen, E.T. 2002. "Effect of summer drought and winter freezing on stem hydraulic conductivity of *Rhododendron* species from contrasting climates." *Tree Physiology* 22(14): 919-928.

Gascon, Claude, Laurance, William F., and Lovejoy, Thomas E. 2002. "Fragmentação florestal e biodiversidade na Amazônia central." In: de Souza, B.F., and Garay, I. (eds.), *Conservação da Biodiversidade em Ecossistemas Tropicais: Avanços Conceituais e Revisão de Novas Metodologias de Avaliação e Monitoramento*. 112-127. Petropolis, Brazil: Editora Vozes.

Kaiser, Kristie L. 2002. "*Coralliophila neritoidea* (Lamarck, 1816) (Gastropoda: Muricidae) reported at Panama and Costa Rica." *The Festivus* 34(10): 99-100.

Samper, Cristián. 2001. "Hacia una artesanía sostenible." In Ramos, A. (ed.), *Hacia un uso sostenible de las materias primas silvestres utilizadas en artesanías*: 7-9. Santafé de Bogotá: Artesanías de Colombia.

Samper, Cristián, Chaves, M.E., García, H., Gómez Mejía, A., and Wyse-Jackson, P. 2002. "Plant conservation and information management in botanic gardens of Colombia." *Botanic Gardens Conservation* 3(8): 33-37.

Samper, Cristián, and García, H. (eds.). 2001. *Estrategia para la conservación de plantas*. Santafé de Bogotá: Instituto Alexander von Humboldt.

Con la colaboración del Parque Zoológico Nacional del Smithsonian (NZP) y STRI, el Programa de Extensión Científica en Biología Tropical del NZP ha iniciado una serie de charlas sobre las investigaciones y los investigadores de STRI. La primera charla, llevada a cabo en marzo de 2000, fue dictada por Elizabeth Royte, autora del libro *The tapir's morning bath* [El baño matutino del tapir] que trata sobre investigadores de BCI. El científico Stanley Heckadon-Moreno inauguró la jornada de otoño con la presentación de "El Chagres: río panameño de comunicación interoceánica". También participó en el programa informal del Zoológico para jóvenes en la Secundaria de Columbia, en Mt. Pleasant, donde ofreció una charla a niños latinos sobre los manglares del Laboratorio Marino de Galeta. Además, Heckadon fue invitado a participar en la serie de charlas y películas Baird de Museo Nacional de Historia Natural de SI, y a presentar un reporte final al Comité de Mujeres del Smithsonian, sobre proyectos en Galeta que han recibido apoyo financiero del Comité. Otros conferencistas incluirán a los científicos Richard Cooke, Bill Laurance, y Jaqueline Giacalone, que tratará sobre el proyecto de ocelotes en BCI.

Serie de charlas sobre STRI



Marine Ecology Course by STRI and OTS

STRI and OTS will offer a joint five-week course from June 16 to July 18, 2003, on *Tropical Marine Ecology*, designed to provide opportunities for in-depth study of tropical marine ecosystems. The course is ideally suited to students pursuing graduate studies in marine ecology in the tropics

and will be led by two full time scientists with assistance from at least ten guest scientists who will join the course for periods ranging from one day to two weeks. Applicants must be enrolled in, or accepted for, a graduate degree program. The course is taught in English and will be conducted largely at STRI's Marine Field Station in Bocas del Toro, Panama. This venue offers a well-equipped field station set within an extensive pristine environment, providing unique and convenient access to diverse coastal ecosystems. In addition, the course includes a 5-day field trip to mangrove and coral reef ecosystems on Panama's Pacific coast. The coordinators of the course are STRI staff scientist Penelope Barnes, and Candy Feller, with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC), in Washington DC. Application deadline: March 1st, 2003. For more information and the application form please visit www.stri.org/tropical/index.html

Welcome to STRI

We welcome Mark Brady, new office assistant in STRI's Washington Office. Before coming to STRI, he worked in the Office of the under-secretary of Science. Brady graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing and Master's in English Literature. He hopes to visit STRI Panama sometime in November

Miscellaneous

For sale: Daihatsu Teris, 1998, 4x4, electric windows, air conditions, 1,300 gas engine. \$6,500 negotiable. Interested please call Luis Carlos López at 266-5213. Cel 691-2242.

Room wanted: Ricardo Betancour, who will start working with Biff Bermingham at Naos on October 30, is seeking a room or apartment for 6 months. Please contact Ruth Reina via GroupWise.

November birthdays

Xenia Saavedra	2
Maria V. Heller	5
Carlos Urbina	6
Francisco Lasso	6
María E. Becerra	6
María Leone	7
Ligia Calderón	8
Luis Mou	8
Olga F. Linares	10
Milton García	11
Conrado Tapia	13
Jeremy Jackson	13
Juan Pinto	15
Janett Carrasco	17
Máximo Jiménez	18
I. Fang Sun	20
Eduardo Robinson	20
Óris de Puga	21
Clara Camargo	22
Edmundo Rodríguez	22
Rodolfo Batista	23
Beth King	26
Jorge Aranda	26
Basilio Mela	28
Luis D' Croz	29