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Administration

PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE INSTITUTE

During this quarter there were several changes in personnel at the Caribbean Research Institute (CRI).

Mr. Tom Purcell, Research Associate with the Ecological Research Center (ERC), resigned from the Institute in July. Mr. Purcell had been with CRI for the past three years serving as part-time manager at the Virgin Islands Ecological Research Station (VIERS) in St. John. He also participated in all of the water quality studies done during that time. Mr. Purcell has returned to the University of Maryland where he will further pursue his studies.

Dr. Jones-Hendrickson, Coordinator of Social Research Center (SRC), moved to St. Croix on August 15th for the purpose of setting up a branch of CRI on the St. Croix College of the Virgin Islands Campus. The opening is set for the 27th of October and an exhibition featuring CRI's publications will be on display.

Dr. Clifton Marsh, Assistant Director of CRI, resigned from the Institute effective August 30th.

Ms. Lisa Henriques, Programs Coordinator at the Virgin Islands Ecological Research Station (VIERS), resigned effective September 9th. Ms. Henriques had been with the Institute for the past two years, beginning as a Research Assistant and then Program Coordinator of VIERS. Ms. Henriques plans to return to the U.S. Mainland.

A new Projects Assistant for CRI was appointed on July 7th, she is Mrs. Anna Mae Brown-Comment, a native of St. Thomas who comes to CRI after living eight years in Europe where she worked as translator and English correspondent for several international companies. Mrs. Brown-Comment holds a B.A. in English and speaks fluent French. She is charged with editing the Institute's publications and CRI's library.

CRI PUBLICATIONS
COMMITTEE MEET

On September 21st the Institute's publications committee met to review publishing procedures. An editorial committee was formed and the members are now concentrating their efforts on the future publication of MICROSTATE STUDIES 3 and 4.

Social Research Center

SRC COORDINATOR
IN TOKYO

September 7th thru 13th were the dates of the 37th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance held this year in Tokyo, Japan. The Institute was represented at this meeting by Dr. Jones-Hendrickson who chaired a panel on "The Role of Monetary and Fiscal Policy in the Context of Economic Development".

SEMINAR ON
ECONOMIC POLICY

The Bureau of Public Administration at CVI together with the V.I. Department of Labor held a seminar at the V.I. Hotel on September 23rd and 24th. The main issue of the meeting was "An Assessment of the Reagan Economic Policies on the U.S.V.I. Labor Market". The seminar was attended by many from the local government and business community. Dr. Jones-Hendrickson was asked to participate as Counselor, guiding discussions during the seminar.

Water Resources Research Center

SOLAR ROOF STILL
NEARS COMPLETION

Construction of the multi-purpose solar roof still begun in St. Croix at the beginning of this year, will soon be completed, at which time, data gathering of the amount of water produced by the unit will continue for several months.

Ecological Research Center

LAND CRAB STUDY
COMPLETED

After several months of intensive study, Dr. Canoy, Director of the Ecological Research Center (ERC), stated that the study on land crabs of the Genus (Cardisoma) is now ready for printing. The study indicates that the ecology and potential growth of these crabs is such that they should be able to support a moderate commercial fishery. It also details the biology and ecology of land crabs and the fishery that exists in other areas as well as original research done in the Virgin Islands. Further, an economic analysis shows that there can be an excellent enterprise developed around a land crab fishery. The possibilities are explored for aquaculture of this organism in producing "crab farmers", as well as "crab marketers".

TO EAT OR NOT TO EAT,
SHARK - THAT IS!

is now being prepared for printing. "Shark as a potential fishery resource for the Caribbean," is the subject of a report completed in September by the ERC Director and the report describes the life history and potential available resources for the Caribbean in regards to shark fishing. The study describes the market and production problems.

WATER QUALITY STUDIES
COMPLETED

A "Study of the Effects of Run-Off on Water Quality in Two Tropical Bays" was also completed during this quarter by Mr. Tom Purcell. This effort kept track for two years of rainfall, fresh water run-off volume, water chemistry and the growth of plankton in the bays. It was found that a) the near-shore or on-shore salt ponds, mangroves, etc. greatly effect the quality of run-off water and protect the bays, b) there appears to be a second order connecticn between the runoff and local fisheries.

Outreach Activities

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
MEET IN ST. CROIX

The Caribbean Council of Churches held a meeting on September 17th and 18th on St. Croix, U.S.V.I. and had as its theme, "The Role of the Church in the U.S.V.I. and St. Maarten". Dr. Jones-Hendrickson was an invited guest at the meeting which included clergy and lay people from St. Croix and St. Maarten. He spoke on the role of the church from an economic and social standpoint in the U.S.V.I. and St. Maarten.