

III. PERSONAL NEWS
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Dr. M.M.J VAN BALGOOY (L) visited E and K to discuss cooperation with the Flora Malesiana Project and the Pacific Plant Areas.

Ms. Dr. B.G. BRIGGS has for a short period been appointed as Acting Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (N.S.W.), Australia.

Dr. T.C. CHAMBERS has been appointed Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (N.S.W.), Australia.

Ms. Dr. K.L. CHANG (SING) has retired in June 1987 as Curator of the Singapore Botanical Gardens. We want to thank her for her continual cooperation with the Flora Malesiana Project and her personal kindness to visitors. Mr. M. SHAH, Assistant Curator, is in charge now.

Dr. M.R. CROSBY (MO), who has served as Director of Research, will retain his responsibilities as Director of Botanical Information Resources, and his research program in mosses.

Ms. D. DOMACENA-ADEFUIN (formerly of PNH), the Curatrix of the Pteridology section of PNH has migrated to California, U.S.A.

Dr. D. DUCKWORTH (BISH) has agreed to serve as Interim President of the Association of Pacific Systematists (APS). The first meeting of the APS was held during the XVI Pacific Science Congress in Seoul, 1987.

Dr. E. FORERO (MO) has been appointed Director of Research effective 1 October 1986, as a successor to Dr. M.R. CROSBY. He has been Director of COL, and President of the Flora neotropica Organization since 1981. He has worked on the Connaraceae and Papilionaceae of Columbia.

Dr. D.G. FRODIN (formerly of UPNG) has been appointed as Collection Manager at PH. He reported that he is making good progress in his study on Schefflera.

Mr. E.E. HENTY (formerly of LAE): left Papua New Guinea in November 1986. New address POB 2232, Cairns, Queensland 4870, Australia.

Dr. L.A.S. JOHNSON (NSW) on 31 December 1985 retired as Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (N.S.W.), after nearly 38 years' service. He has

now been appointed Director Emeritus and Honorary Research Associate. He will continue his research on eucalypts.

Mr. D.J. MCGILLIVRAY (NSW), Australian expert in the Proteaceae retired as Senior Botanist after 21 years' service on 19 November 1985.

Dr. Ph. MORAT, formerly Director of the Department of Botany, ORSTOM, Nouméa, has been appointed as Director of the Laboratoire de Phanérogamie (P) from April 1986.

Dr. P.H. NOOTEBOOM (L) has become chairman of the Gunung Leuser Committee. In June and July 1986 he visited Indonesia for further discussions, also on the proposed research of TROPENBOS (see p. 281) on G. Kerinci.

Mr. M. RAHMAN (Dacca, temporarily in E) visited L in January 1987 for his studies in the infra-generic taxonomy of Panicum and revision of its tropical Asian species.

Dr. P.H. RAVEN (MO) was awarded the Second International Prize for Biology. The first recipient was Dr. E.H.J. CORNER (see p. 258). He received it on November 20, 1986, from the hands of the Crown Prince AKIHITO. Speeches were given by Prime Minister Y. NAKASONE and the Minister of Education, Science and Culture, H. MATSUNAGA.

This was his second prize of the year, as previously, on June 22nd, he had received the 1986 Hutchinson Medal, a prestigious horticultural award of the Chicago Horticultural Society.

For both our congratulations!

Mr. E.J. REYNOSO (PNH), the collector of an enormous number of specimens in the forests and other areas of the Philippines, several of which are new to science or new records, has been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Civil Service Commission of the Philippines.

Dr. T. SANTISUK (BKF) spent a year of research in the Department of Geography, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany (March 1, 1986 — February 28, 1987).

Mr. SIDEK bin KIAH (SING), the well-known plant collector, has retired in 1987.

Dr. H.O. SLEUMER (L) received the Allerton Award 1986 for his excellence in tropical botany.

Dr. H.S.S. TJITROSOMO has become Director of BIOTROP, Indonesia.

Mr. I.M. TURNER (Oxford) has completed one year of his 2 years' fieldwork at the Pantai Aceh field station of the Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, on seedling ecology. He has had the good luck of a heavy dipterocarp seeding.