

III. PERSONAL NEWS
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Dr. P. S. A s h t o n has taken up an appointment as a lecturer in botany at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, after the completion of his work in Sarawak in September 1966. A programme of cooperation has come into existence between the universities of Aberdeen and Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. Dr. Ashton's teaching duties will leave him plenty of time for research and facilities will be created that he regularly can spend a period in the Malesian Archipelago for field work.

Dr. L. J. B r a s s retired from the Archbold Expeditions and Museums in May 1966. He returned to Australia where he has been offered an honorary curatorship to the Herbarium of the North Queensland Naturalist's Club at Cairns.

Miss C h a n g K i a w L a n, who studied from Oct. 1962 to Sept. 1965 with Mr. Corner at Cambridge, working on fungi, completed her course with credit and gained a Ph.D. degree. She then returned to the Singapore Herbarium to join the staff as a botanist. Her work on *Lentinus* has a vital bearing on edible mushrooms and the possibility of establishing mushroom culture in Singapore.

Mr. Munir Ahmad abid C h a w d u r y from the University of Sind, completed with much credit a two years study in Verbenaceae at the Singapore Herbarium, returning to Pakistan on 1 Dec. 1965.

Mr. M. C o o d e, formerly on the staff of the University of Edinburgh working with Dr. P. Davis on the flora of Turkey, has joined the staff of the Division of Botany, Lae, as Senior Botanist replacing Dr. P. van Royen who resigned some time ago.

Mr. E. J. H. C o r n e r, F.R.S., was appointed as Professor of Tropical Botany at Cambridge, England, in the beginning of 1966. He published two books he had in hand for many years, one on "Cantharelloid Fungi" (Annals of Botany Memoirs no 2 Oxford Univ. Press 1966), and one on "The Natural History of Palms" (reviewed in the present issue).

Mr. J. E. D a n d y has relinquished the Keepership of Botany, at the British Museum (Nat.Hist.) on 30 Sept. 1966 in order to devote more time to scientific work. He will continue as Officer-in-charge, Tring. He is succeeded by Mr. R. R o s s.

Mr. A. D i l m y, director of the Bogor Herbarium, went on a study mission to China in September 1965.

Prof.Dr. M. S. D o t y, Botany Department of the University of Hawaii, has succeeded Dr. Fosberg as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Botany of the Pacific Science Congress, of which he was hitherto the Secretary.

Dr. F. R. F o s b e r g has left the U.S. Geological Survey to take up a post at the Smithsonian Institution, U.S. National Herbarium, Washington. At the 11th Pacific Science Congress, Tokyo, 1966, Dr. Fosberg has retired as Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Congress, which he served for nine years. Great appreciation is due to him for the excellent way in which he promoted botanical and conservation work in the Pacific area in that capacity and the many items which he initiated or sustained in the interest of Indo-Pacific botany. A tribute of thanks is here well in place.

Mr. D. G. F r o d i n, M.Sc., who joined the staff of the Division of Botany, Lae, in October 1965, has completed his twelve months appointment. He gained field experience on several trips, where he paid special attention to Lauraceae. After a visit to the United States, he hopes to start work with Prof. Corner at Cambridge in September 1967 for a Ph.D. degree. His position at Lae has been filled by Mr. Colin R i d s d a l e, a recent graduate from the University of Bristol, England. Mr. Ridsdale is expecting to remain in Lae for three years.

At Singapore, Mr. C. X. F u r t a d o is now supervising the Colombo Plan Fellows who are doing taxonomic work. He is also active checking faulty determinations in the Herbarium.

Rev. John D. G a l v i n, who studied plant ecology at the U.S. University of Notre Dame, is stationed for seven years at Honiara in the Solomon Islands, and he will obviously do some botanical work in addition to his missionary work.

Prof.Dr. E. G o v i n d a r a j a l u from Madras arrived at the Rijksherbarium in June 1966 on a Fellowship awarded by the Netherlands Organisation for Pure Research (Z.W.O.) to study Indian Cyperaceae with Mr. J.H.Kern.

Dr. Thomas Gordon H a r t l e y, a graduate of the University of Iowa, has spent the past three years as a botanist on a phytochemical survey of native vegetation in Papua and New Guinea, where he made a collection of nearly 3700 numbers. He has taken up a post at the Arnold Arboretum.

Dr. C. R. L o n g arrived in April 1964 as Research Curator in Botany at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, for the Pacific Ocean Biological Survey Program, Smithsonian Institution. During the past two years he explored many of the Central Pacific Islands, and is curating and studying the plant specimens collected. This position terminated in June 1966.

Dr. W. M e i j e r, Forest Botanist at Sandakan, went on leave on 2 January 1966, to visit European Herbaria, mainly the Rijksherbarium and Kew, where he studied many genera for his Manual of non-Dipterocarpaceae, before returning to his post in September 1966 on a new 3-year contract.

Dr. Dewan Mohinder Nath N a i r, Curator of the Herbarium, Punjab University, Chandigarh, India, is now Head of the Botanical Department, University of Zambia, P.O.Box 2379, Lusaka, Zambia.

Mr. D. I. N i c h o l s o n, Forest Ecologist, Sandakan, has left Sabah and joined the Forestry Department in North Queensland, at Cairns.

Dr. D. P o o r e, who some time ago left Malaya to become Professor of Forest Ecology at Oxford, has been appointed as Director-General of the Nature Conservancy, England.

Mr. G. T. P r a n c e, who worked on Rosaceae-Chrysobalanaceae at Oxford University, is now at the New York Botanical Garden.

Mr. M. B. R a i z a d a, who was attached for 30 years to the Forestry Institute at Dehra Dun, lately as Head of the Division of Botany, is now Principal, D.A.V. (Postgraduate) College, 29, E.C.Road, Dehra Dun.

On 31 May 1966 Prof. W. R o b i j n s retired from the directorship of the Brussels Botanic Garden after 35 years of service, when during the years of difficulty between the Netherlands and Indonesia he was of great help to the Flora Malesiana by maintaining the necessary contacts by way of Belgium. Dr. F. D e m a r e t is serving as Director ad interim.

Dr. A. C. S m i t h is now entirely within the Department of Botany at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, as Wilder Professor of Botany. He has the intention to revert to the flora of Fiji.

Dr. Engkik S o e p a d m o took his Ph.D. degree at the University of Cambridge, England, on 30 July 1966. The subject of his dissertation was "The morphology and taxonomy of Fagaceae with special reference to Quercus L. in Malesia", on a Fellowship from the Netherlands Organisation for Pure Research (Z.W.O.). Dr. Soepadmo will be working in the Rijks-

herbarium for several months from September 1966, before returning to Indonesia.

Mr. Montien S r i s u k o from the Royal Forest Department, Thailand, arrived on 9 Nov. 1965 at the Singapore Herbarium to take up a fellowship. He is working on the taxonomy of Lagerstroemia.

Dr. T. C. W h i t m o r e arrived at Kepong in mid-September 1965 to take up the post of Colombo Plan Forest Botanist, with the aim of setting up a Manual of Malayan Timber Trees, as a companion to Symington's Manual of Dipterocarps. As far as time permits, he works on the biology of Euphorbiaceae, especially Macaranga and other Acalypheae.

Mr. W. J. J. O. d e W i l d e, who spent three years on field work in Africa (1963-1966) was appointed on the staff of the Rijksherbarium on 23 August 1966. He will work on the Passifloraceae for his thesis.

Dr. R. v a n d e r W i j k, bryologist, retired from his professorship at the University of Groningen on having reached the age limit. His successor in the Chair is Dr. C. v a n d e n H o e k, formerly algologist at the Rijksherbarium.