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The Belgian field station on Liang Island, Papua New Guinea, will be terminated for various reasons, among others security.

An agreement on **collaboration on Biodiversity** has been signed between the University of Malaysia, Sabah and the University of Aarhus. Dr. F. Borchsenius, Curator of AAU, will be stationed at the University of Sabah for two years from 15 August 1997, as Chief Technical Advisor for the project 'Human Impact & Biodiversity' in Tabin Wildlife Park. Studying the biodiversity in different habitats of the Tabin Reserve and nearby Darvel Bay will have the highest priority. The project is sponsored by DANCED (Danish Cooperation on Environment and Development).

Dr. A. Poulsen will in this period act as curator for AAU. He acquired experience in several parts of the tropics (Ecuador, Uganda, SE Asia). He also worked in Brunei.

The Herbarium SINU is currently undergoing renovations to enlarge it but there will be no interruptions to loan requests, visits, etc. The Curator is Dr. H.T.W. Tan (e-mail: sbsttw@nus.edu.sg) and the Director of the School of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore is Dr. T.J. Lam (e-mail: sbshead@nus.edu.sg). Loan requests are to go directly to the Curator, but copied to the Director.

The **IAPT homepage** is <http://www.bgbm.fu-berlin.de/IAPT/default.htm>. It is worthwhile watching this: you may find abstracts and indices of published Taxon issues, and previews of the contents of forthcoming ones. You may see what's new in the field of nomenclature, and can find many useful links to IAPT-sponsored projects and to information relevant to your work in plant taxonomy [Taxon 46 (1997) 593].

The **International Symposium on the Biogeography of SE Asia 2000** is organized by the National Museum of Natural History and the Rijksherbarium / Hortus Botanicus at Leiden, and the Netherlands Research School of Sedimentary Geology (NSG), Amsterdam and will be held on 4–9 June, 2000, in Leiden.

Southeast Asia has received much attention in recent years, both from earth scientists and biologists. In this region several lithospheric plates are colliding and this process of ongoing mountain building has resulted in a very complicated biotic history. It comprises major hot-spots of global biodiversity. However, the natural environment is much under threat, and increased attempts are made to study and preserve what is left. It has become clear recently that the abiotic and biotic developments can only be understood if they are studied in an integrated way. Therefore, an interdisciplinary symposium programme has been developed to give a comprehensive view of the knowledge at the start of a new millennium. The Congress will cover all aspects of historical biogeography of the area, including geological developments, palaeoclimatology, marine and terrestrial life, plants as well as animals. In addition attention will be paid to methodology, and to 'applied biogeography' and conservation. Special themes may include monitoring of global climatic change and biodiversity assessments. The text of the lectures will be published shortly after the Congress. The meeting will consist of invited presentations, contributed lectures and posters, and workshops such as on computer applications and on multidisciplinary research themes. One day has been planned for excursions and leisure.

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The online of **Names in Current Use** can be found in the form of a searchable database at <http://www.bgbm.fu-berlin.de/IAPT/ncu/genera/default.htm>. In autumn 1997 the English version of the Tokyo Code will be available!

Dr. K.A. Monk is part of an European Union (EU) funded **International Conservation Development Project (ICDP)** to establish a new conservation area of some 2 million hectares called the Leuser Ecosystem in Northern Sumatra. This encompasses the old designated Taman Nasional Gunung Leuser and is the subject of a 'conservation concession' by the Ministry of Forestry to an NGO. As the NGO does not yet have the expertise to manage the new park, the EU and *GOI are funding a management unit to undertake a seven year ICDP. She is based in Medan as the Scientific Coordinator for the research, monitoring, and information division of the Leuser Management Unit.

SEAMEO-BIOTROP, Bogor, has a site at
<http://www.bogor.indo.net.id/biotrop/ic-sea.htm>