

## I. EDITORIAL

It is with the utmost regret that we announce the sudden and quite unexpected death of Dr. Marius Jacobs, editor of this Bulletin. See the obituary on page 3869. He was co-editor of the *Flora Malesiana Bulletin* for nr. 17 (1962) to nr. 22 (1968) and took full responsibility onwards of nr. 27 (1974). He showed great ability in enlarging its scope and we have many letters in our archives expressing appreciation and admiration for the lively and informative style in which he edited the Bulletin.

I had to take over the editorial work for this number at short notice, but I was greatly helped by a number of Rijksherbarium colleagues, which help is gratefully acknowledged. In this way the delay has been kept to a minimum. It is, however, possible that some news items etc. have not been printed and that information submitted to Dr. Jacobs has not been entered due to this sudden change of editorship. I offer my apologies if this has happened and hope that (if still relevant) the news will again be forwarded to the new editor, Dr. J.F. Veldkamp, Rijksherbarium, who will take over starting next number.

It is appropriate to mention the death of Dr. B.A. Krukoff, benefactor of tropical plant systematics, also in this Editorial. See page 3872 for an obituary.

This is the last number of volume 8. The invaluable index to the volume will again be prepared by Mrs. M.J. van Steenis-Kruseman; it will be forwarded some months after publication of this Bulletin.

As announced in nr. 35 (page 3709) the treatment of the Dipterocarpaceae in the *Flora Malesiana* (ser. I, vol. 9, part 2, pp. 237-552) was published in 1982. In January 1983 the third and last part of volume 9 followed. It contains an elaborate Dedication to Odoardo Beccari by Prof. R.E.G. Pichi Sermolli and Prof. C.G.G.J. van Steenis, a rather substantial 'Addenda et Corrigenda', and the General Index to this volume. Among the Addenda there are new treatments of *Sedum* (by H. Ohba), *Geranium* (by J.F. Veldkamp), and *Xyris* (by B. Hansen).

By June 1983 the MS of the first instalment of volume 10 of *Flora Malesiana* was ready for the press, incorporating four families: Olacaceae (by Dr. H. Sleumer), Opiliaceae (by Dr. P. Hiepko), Aristolochiaceae (by Dr. Ding Hou), and Triuridaceae (by Mr. J.P.M. van de Meerendonk, under supervision of Dr. M. Jacobs). It is hoped that the instalment can appear in print at the end of the year.

During 1982 two numbers of the Identification Lists were issued, both voluminous, viz. nr. 61. *Coniferae* (& *Taxaceae*) by Prof. D.J. de Laubenfels, in anticipation of his revision in *Flora Malesiana*, and nr. 62. *Thelypteridaceae* by Prof. R.E. Holttum, listing the basic material on which his revision in ser. II, vol. 1, part 5 rests. Both lists can be requested from the library of the Rijksherbarium.

The cover photograph is a dehiscing fruit of Dysoxylum grande Hiern (Meliaceae). The pericarp is orange-red outside and yellow inside and in section, the shining seeds are mahogany coloured. The revision of Meliaceae for Flora Malesiana is in a far stage, see page 3877. The photograph was taken by Dr. H.P. Nootboom during the Bukit Raya expedition, see page 3892. The original colour-slide was transformed to black and white by B.N. Kieft.

C. Kalkman