

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Dr. J.A.R. Anderson, Kuching, was on leave in spring 1971; he would return in the middle of the year for a final short tour. Dr. Anderson's merits for the development of Botany in Sarawak are extremely large; it is a great pity to see such most experienced personalities leave the scene. We are thankful for his important endeavours and wish him a happy retirement.

Prof. Dr. C.D.K. Cook, Zürich, is preparing a manual for the identification of aquatic plants.

By Dec. 31st Dr. H.J. Colidge resigned as a member of the Pacific Science Council representing the U.S. Nat. Academy of Sciences in which position he has achieved a great fame for a large amount of organisation work for the Pacific Science Association. For his important services he received the award of Honorary Life Fellowship. He is succeeded by Dr. J.E. Bardach, director of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

Prof. E.J.H. Corner was presented with the Gold Medal of the Linnean Society, 17 Febr. 1970, with which we offer him our warm congratulations. Prof. Clapham's citation is printed in Biol.J.Linn.Soc. 2 (1970) 322-324. Prof. Corner went for a study visit of 6 months to Bogor, April 1 till Oct. 1, 1972, but he left for Singapore three weeks after arrival in Bogor.

Mr. L. Craven has been appointed assistant in the Land Survey Division of C.S.I.R.O., Canberra.

Mr. A.W. Dockrill, who worked at the Botany Division at Lae, has resigned and is now attached to a new agricultural research institute in North Queensland. We hope that he will have some time to pursue studies on Papuan Orchidaceae.

Mr. M. Galore has been appointed Keeper of the Herbarium, Botany Division, Lae.

Mr. R. Geesink, Leyden, has been appointed as botanist for the Flora of Thailand Project by the Netherlands University Organisation for Technical Assistance, NUFFIC, for three years, starting Jan. 1, 1972, succeeding Dr. C.F. van Beusekom for a second and final period.

Dr. T.G. Hartley has resigned from his position at the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard, and has accepted a post with the Division of Land Research, C.S.I.R.O., Canberra, to succeed Dr. Schodde.

Mr. G.S. Hope is engaged on a vegetation history of Mt Wilhelm and his thesis is due to be submitted June 1972. His supervisor is Prof. D. Walker.

Mr. P. Hunt, specialist in Orchidaceae, has resigned from his post at Kew, Aug. 31, 1971, to accept a teachership in landscape architecture.

Dr. A.J.G.H. Kostermans worked in Europe in 1971 and 1972, part of the time at Leyden, at Aarhus, at Kew and at Zurich. On the occasion of his 65th birthday the 2nd instalment of Reinwardtia vol. 8 was dedicated to him and filled with short botanical papers by friends and colleagues.

Prof. B.C. Kundu has retired as Joint Director of the Bose institute and is now working as emeritus professor in the Botanical Survey of India, on the family Menispermaceae and on some genera of Malvaceae.

Dr. M. Lazariades has been appointed chief of the Land Research Division, C.S.I.R.O., Canberra.

Dr. T.S. Mahabale has been appointed professor of botany, Maharashtra Association for the cultivation of Science, Law College Road, Poona-4, India.

Dr. W. Meijer has been appointed associate professor of botany at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, U.S.A.

Mrs. A.N. Millar, formerly of the Botany Division at Lae, has been appointed on the staff of Pt. Moresby University as Curator of the Botanic Garden and University Estate.

Mr. E. Milne-Redhead has retired as Deputy Keeper of the Kew Herbarium and has been succeeded by Dr. P.S. Green.

Mr. Francis Ng attained the degree of D.Sc. at Oxford University, and returned to Kepong 5 Oct. 1971.

From 14 Aug.-mid Nov. 1971 Dr. D. Nicolson was in India to continue work on the Hassan District Flora.

Dr. H. Ohashi has succeeded Prof. H. Hara in Tokyo, who retired on the age limit of 60.

Mr. J.W. Parham has left Fiji and has settled at Brisbane.

We congratulate Miss Dr. Lily M. Perry who received an honorary degree from Arcadia College, her Alma Mater, July 1971.

The Director of the Melbourne Herbarium, Mr. R.T.M. Prescott retired Aug. 1971. He is succeeded by Dr. D.M. Churchill as Director and Government Botanist

of Victoria. The Herbarium has been shifted to a new building and fortunately the most inefficient way in which the herbarium material was accommodated in vertical portfolios has been abandoned in the new abode.

Mr. Michael P r i c e, from Columbia University, arrived at Los Banos Agricultural College in 1968. He finished his degree in 1971. He recently works on ferns of Mt Maquiling in collaboration with Dr. Pancho.

Dr. Gerald P r o w s e, lately director of the Freshwater Fish Culture Station at Malacca - an institute now closed because of Malesian disinterest in freshwater fish - has been awarded the honour of the O.B.E., June 11th, 1971.

Dr. P. R a v e n has been appointed director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Aug. 1, 1971, to succeed Prof. D.M. G a t e s who took a professorship at Michigan and directorship of biological stations.

Dr. R.G. R o b b i n s left the University of Moresby after finishing his 3 year contract in Aug. 1970 and accepted a 6-months appointment teaching biogeography at the Australian University at Canberra, Department of Geography.

Dr. R. S c h o d d e has left the Canberra Herbarium and has joined the Division of Wildlife Research of C.S.I.R.O. as an ornithologist, Dec. 1970.

Dr. Gary S h e a, of Lakehead University, Ontario, has been offered a position in Sandakan, as a CUSO volunteer leading botanical expeditions in Sabah. He is personally interested in Bryophytes.

Dr. H.O. S l e u m e r is appointed honorary collaborator of the Rijksherbarium; he received a grant to continue his monographic work on African genera of Flacourtiaceae.

Dr. S o e g e n g has left the service of Lembaga Biologi Nasional and his position with BIOTROP.

Ir. S o e h o e d S o s r o d i h a r d j o is chief of the section of Forestry Planning, Research and Education in Irian Barat, Manokwari, Indonesia.

Dr. D. S o e j a r t o, who received his Ph.D. degree from Harvard University, tutored by Prof. Schultes, on a subject on neotropical Saurauias, is now naturalized in Columbia and will unfortunately not join the work on Flora Malesiana.

Miss S o e j a t m i, agrostologist at Bogor, has received a grant for attaining a Ph.D. at Reading, England.

Prof. Dr. O. Soemawoto, director of the Botanic Gardens, Bogor, resigned by Aug. 1, 1971, as director of the organisation BIOTROP; he resigned also by March 1, 1972 as director of Lembaga Biologi Nasional and has accepted a post as professor in the Padjadjaran University at Bandung to teach Bio-Management, that is, the application of biology for the management of the human environment and natural resources. He is succeeded by Dr. Ir. Soeratono.

Prof. Dr. Th. Sørensen has retired as professor of Systematic Botany at the University of Copenhagen; he will by mid-1973 be succeeded by Dr. Arne Strid, from Lund, who first will fulfill a senior lecturership at the University of Zambia from Aug. 15, 1972.

Mr. H. Streimann is appointed as technical officer with the Division of Botany, Iae.

Mr. I.M. Tantra has been appointed as forest botanist at the Forest Research Station, Bogor.

Dr. W.L. Theobald, Associate Professor, Occidental College, Los Angeles, Cal., has been appointed in the Botany Department, University of Hawaii, effective Aug. 1, 1971. He has undertaken the elaboration of several families of the Flora of Ceylon Project (Gesneriaceae, Bignoniaceae, Martyniaceae, Pedaliaceae, Umbelliferae).

Dr. T.C. Whitmore, who worked under the Colombo Plan for the Flora of the Solomons and later on Malaya, returned mid-April to England. He settled at Cambridge. In Sept. he started to write up an ecological survey of the forests of Kolombangara in the British Solomons.

Funds are being collected to enable Mr. Wirawan, who attained his M.Sc. at Honolulu, to elaborate a Ph.D. degree.

Mr. P.R. Wycheley, formerly of the Rubber Research Institute at Kuala Lumpur, took up his appointment as Director of King's Park and Botanic Garden, Perth, 6005, Western Australia. Before his departure from Malaya he made several recommendations for the conservation of biological communities in SE. Johore.