

I. EDITORIAL

With the advantage of starting a new volume with this issue, we have decided to make some changes. Technology doesn't stop and with the modern way of desktop publishing, we thought that we could offer a more pleasing journal by changing the format of the Bulletin, its lay-out, and various other minor points.

Among the more drastic changes is the deletion of the chapters on the Algae and the Fungi & Lichens in the Bibliography, as we threatened to do in the last issue. Very few protests were received on our announcement to do this, so apparently there was no need to laboriously discover (not being specialists in these subjects) whether a certain taxon belongs to the Malesian flora or not.

We have also cancelled the traditional chapter on 'Additions to the Cyclopaedia of Collectors', as we thought the information usually included there might just as well be put in the chapters 'Obituaries and Biographical Notes', or 'Personal News', wherever more pertinent.

Indexing, too, is in a way easier with the computer, but we have simplified the process by giving only a combined index to the Personal and Taxonomical names of volume 9. Indexes as previously prepared by the untiring Ms. M.J. VAN STEENIS-KRUSEMAN take too much time to compile.

The first Circular for the *Van Steenis Symposium* (1989) was well received: a great number of interested people from all over the world, thus also outside the usual Malesian circuit, have responded (see Chapter VIII). It promises to become a very fruitful and educative meeting bringing new vim and vigour to the Flora Malesiana Project.

In the meanwhile volume 10³ of the Flora Malesiana has gone to the printers and is expected to appear by the end of this summer. The contents will be slightly different than announced last year (See Chapter VI).