

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Mr. H. K. A i r y S h a w of Kew made a study trip to East Australia for study of Euphorbiaceae in the field and in the herbaria, visiting Darwin, Atherton, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne, September 9 to end 1974.

Dr. G. A r g e n t has been appointed on 1 January 1974 on the staff of the Edinburgh Herbarium. He formerly worked on mosses, mainly from Africa, and spent 3 years in Papua New Guinea doing field work on bananas. He intends to work on Ericaceae of Malesia.

Dr. Peter S. A s h t o n of Aberdeen is co-director (with Dr. Ruben B. A s p i r a s) of the Course on Tropical Ecology and Environmental Management at the University of the Philippines at Los Banos, 30 September 1974 to 15 March 1975. He has almost completed his manuscript on the Dipterocarpaceae for Flora Malesiana.

Dr. S. K. B a k s i, who worked for one year at the Rijks-herbarium with Mr. J. Muller, returned in October 1974 to Calcutta, Dept. of Geological Sciences, Jadavpur University, Calcutta 32, India. At Leiden, he studied the pollen morphology of Gluta and Melanorrhoea (Anacardiaceae), on which he submitted a paper for publication to the Linnean Society, and also fossil pollen from Borneo and Assam.

Dr. M. M. J. v a n B a l g o o y is spending one year as a Senior Lecturer at the new muslim Malay language university Kebangsaan at Kuala Lumpur, combined with field work in Malaya; back at Leiden mid-1975.

Dr. C. F. v a n B e u s e k o m decided to leave the Rijksherbarium and botany by 1 November 1974. Although a much-accomplished botanist who had done considerable collecting in Thailand, he did not take root in the tropics as much as in the landscape of the Netherlands, where for years he had made field studies on birds of prey. Moreover, he felt closeted in the Herbarium, which for some time he tried to compensate by sitting on the faculty council and by taking up the directorship of the Leiden botanic garden, as part-timer. But when he was offered a job at the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to become head of the department for nature reserves, he accepted after long deliberation. The work on Crypteroniaceae and Sabiaceae which he had in hand (see Progress), has been completed or will be under his guidance.

We are very sorry to see him go, and will miss the clarity and balance of his mind.

Curriculum vitae (in Dutch), in his thesis on *Meliosma* (Leiden 1972), for which he earned cum laude.

Mr. John B l o w e r, an FAO-expert formerly stationed in Nepal, came to Indonesia as an adviser in conservation affairs. His office is at Bogor, and he hopes to attract assistants.

Dr. Nancy B u r b i d g e resigned as Curator of the Canberra Herbarium, to devote her time to 3-5 years of preliminary work for a Flora of Australia. She will compile a card index to all names published for Australian plants, native and introduced.

Dr. C h e w Wee Lek of Sydney was in Europe late in 1974, attending the Royal Society meeting on the New Hebrides, studied Epacridaceae at Kew and BM, and also Utricaceae, then went to Paris, then to Leiden, then to Zürich. His main progress, however, has been with the Malesian Piperaceae.

Dr. John D r a n s f i e l d, on the expiration of his British Council Scholarship, had to leave Bogor in September 1974, much to his regret. Fortunately he could accept a fellowship at Kew to work on his beloved palms for 4 years, half the time East African, half the time Malesian, and can spend a total of one year in Malaya in between. His permanent address: 45 Lynmouth Road, Liverpool, L17 6AW, U.K.

Dr. H j. E i c h l e r became head of the Canberra Herbarium in 1973.

Dr. J. E. D. F o x, known from his forest-ecological work on North Borneo (Sepilok Forest Reserve, e.g.), and recently appointed in Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea, has now taken up a lectureship in Plant Biology, Western Australian Institute of Technology, Hayman Road, Bentley 6102, Perth, W.Australia. He will mainly be concerned with resource management, but hopes that there will be opportunities for field work in Malasia.

Mr. R. G e e s i n k went in November 1974 on a last expedition to Thailand, under the NUFFIC-project Flora of Thailand, which is, however, in danger of being discontinued.

Dr. George W. G i l l e t t of Riverside, California, made a journey of several months to work in European Herbaria in the first half of 1974, for his work on *Cyrtandra* (Gesneriaceae). Much of his time was spent in Edinburgh with Dr. B. L. Burtt.

Mr. H. G. G u t i e r r e z of Manila received a grant from the National Research Council of the Philippines for taxonomic work on the Dipterocarps of this country; he was also nominated as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines for 1974" for his popular articles on Philippine economic botany, particularly plants for population control.

Mr. T. A. H a t t i n k, whose *Caesalpinia* revision in *Reinwardtia* recently came from the press, obtained his M.Sc. degree in January 1975, and is now looking for a job in tropical botany.

Dr. W. A. v a n H e e l of the Rijksherbarium attended the Symposium of the new botanic garden of the University of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur in August 1974, and made further use of his time by collecting material in liquid for morphology.

Dr. Paul H i e p k o of Berlin-Dahlem succeeded Dr. Schulze as Director of the Division Phanerogams, at the same institute, on 1 September 1974. Later in the year he accompanied Mr. R. G e e s i n k to Thailand, but fell ill and had to return.

Mr. H o n g Lay Thong, graduate of University of Malaya, was appointed Forest Pathologist at the Forest Research Institute, Kepong, to study fungal diseases of trees and collect fungi.

Dr. S. K. J a i n, sometime Deputy Director of the Calcutta Herbarium, moved to the Herbarium of Shillong, Assam.

Mr. J. P. J e s s o p, originally of Grahamstown, South Africa, who spent part of the year 1974 at the Rijksherbarium on a revision of the Liliaceae for the Flora Malesiana, has gone to Adelaide, S. Australia, to succeed Dr. Eichler as Curator of the Herbarium. He will be enabled to complete what he had begun.

Dr. A. J. K o s t e r m a n s in mid-1974 left Bogor for a 3-months' collecting trip in Ceylon. He then made his way through India, lecturing and botanizing, to arrive at Leiden in mid-November, for a long stay in which he will work up the Lauraceae for the Flora Malesiana.

Professor Kai L a r s e n of Aarhus, on sabbatical leave with his wife, Supee Larsen, who is also a botanist, spent the year 1974 in Thailand, for field and editorial work.

Dr. J. K. M a h e s h w a r i, became Joint Director of the Botanical Survey of India, Calcutta, acting as Director after the retirement of Dr. K. Subramanyam.

Mr. N. M a n o k a r a n, graduate from University of Malaya, has filled the long-standing vacancy of Ecologist at the Forest Research Institute, Kepong. He will study Eugeissona and phenology of trees.

Mr. James F. M a x w e l l (B.Sc. Ohio) became a staff member of the BK-Herbarium, Bangkok, following a period of service in the army, when he developed an interest in the flora, on which he prepared a paper for the Thai Forest Bulletin. Since October 1973 he is busy with a floristic investigation in Saraburi province, Central Thailand.

Prof. Dr. Guido M o g g i, hitherto curator of the Florence Herbarium, Italy, was recently promoted to Director of the whole botanical institute.

Prof. Juan V. P a n c h o of Los Banos, spent a year in Bogor for further study of weeds, to return February 1975.

Dr. M. E. D. P o o r e, British ecologist known for his work on the rain forest in Malaya, has joined the IUCN at Morges, Switzerland, to work especially on plant conservation, together with Dr. R. D a s s m a n.

As new director of the Dinas PPA (Perlindungan dan Pengawetan Alam), the Nature Protection Service of Indonesia, an agency of the Forestry Service, with its office in Bogor, has been appointed Ir. H. P r i j o n o Hardjosentono. We wish him the best of success and a firm hand.

Dr. E. Q u i s u m b i n g of Manila completed a MS on 'Species Llanosae'. He is now working again on plants of Vidal y Soler.

Dr. M. A. R a u, Deputy Director of the Dehra Dun Herbarium, retired in August 1974.

Mrs. Grace C. R o m e r o - P r i c e, College, Laguna, Philippines, has started taxonomic work on Orchids. At present her collection is maintained as a private herbarium.

Dr. R. d e l R o s a r i o of Manila received a grant from the National Research Council of the Philippines for a Moss Flora of National Botanic Gardens. He will also work on bryophytes of Luzon Mountains.

Dr. P. v a n R o y e n of the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, worked in the Bogor Herbarium for a couple of months from 1 November 1974, on the alpine flora of New Guinea. He had hoped to make an expedition to the Carstensz Mts., but permission to enter western New Guinea was withheld.

Mr. K. C. S a h n i is the new Chief Botanist, Forest Research Institute & Colleges, P.O. New Forest, Dehra Dun, India.

Dr. Tem S m i t i n a n d of Bangkok, sponsored by NUFFIC and CNRS, spent 3 months late in 1974 in European Herbaria, studying Aquifoliaceae and Rhamnaceae for the Flora of Thailand.

Miss S o e j a t m i Soenarko submitted her Ph.D. thesis at the university of Reading, U.K., in December 1974. She monographed Cymbopogon (Gramineae) with help of Dr. W. D. Clayton of the Kew Herbarium. Early 1975 she intends to return to Indonesia, to become a staff member of the Herbarium Bogoriense, where she will study bamboos.

Dr. E. S o e p a d m o of Kuala Lumpur, known for his work on Fagaceae and conservation, has been promoted to Associate Professor. Before long he hopes to visit the U.S. to complete the Ulmaceae for the Flora Malesiana.

Mr. M. G. C. v a n S t a v e r e n' and Mr. P. B a a s, who under their joint authorship published a paper Epidermal leaf characters of the Malesian Icacinaceae in Acta Bot. Neerl. 22 (1973) 329-359, received on 9 March 1974 the Hugo de Vries Prize for this work. The prize is awarded by the Royal Botanical Society of the Netherlands, for the best paper in this journal which the society issues. It consists of a certificate, a medal, and 350 US dollars. The work was done at the Rijksherbarium, where Mr. Baas is on the staff. Mr. Van Staveren worked under his supervision as a student. He hopes to specialize in systematic anatomy if possibilities permit.

Prof. Dr. Carlo S t e i n b e r g was recently appointed as curator of the Florence Herbarium, Italy, in Dr. G. Moggi's stead.

Dr. W. S. S t e w a r t, director of the Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden, Hawaii, will retire; he was in office since the Gardens began operations five years ago. He will be succeeded, July 1, 1975, by Dr. W. L. T h e o b a l d, at present associate professor of botany, Honolulu.

Dr. Harold St. J o h n at the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, is still describing Pandanus species, and also working on the flora of several Pacific islands.

Dr. B. C. S t o n e of Kuala Lumpur will visit Europe (especially Leiden) and the U.S. to continue his work on Pandanaceae.

Mr. P. T a y l o r at Kew has unfortunately abandoned his work on Utricularia, and has now taken up Orchids.

Dr. A. T o u w and Dr. J. F. V e l d k a m p of the Rijksherbarium obtained a grant from WOTRO for an expedition to Mt. Carstensz, where a copper mining company should be able to give facilities. They were, however, unsuccessful in getting permission from the Indonesian Government to work in western New Guinea. Fortunately, the situation in Papua New Guinea being more congenial to scientific study, they could change their plans and now go to the Star Mountains on the eastern side of the border, in cooperation with the Lae Herbarium. They left Leiden early March 1975.

Dr. J. E. V i d a l of Paris travelled to Japan (to visit Tokyo for the Flore du Cambodge &c.), Laos (for ecological study of an artificial lake N of Vientiane, together with T. S o d e r s t r o m of Washington), and Thailand (BK and BKF Herbaria and some field work), in September-November 1974.

Mr. E. F. d e V o g e l ended his nursery work in Bogor on seedlings (page 2178) in September 1974. After a field trip in the Moluccas he arrived at Leiden to join the Rijksherbarium staff on 1 January 1975. After completion of his MS on the seedlings, he will study orchids.

Dr. V u Van Cuong submitted a thesis on water plants of South Vietnam, to the University of Paris.

Dr. T. C. W h i t m o r e recovered at London from what appeared to be a first case of a peculiar bad and drug-resistant malaria outside Vietnam. Disappointed that after Professor Corner's retirement "tropical botany is stone dead at Cambridge", he joined the Commonwealth Forestry Institute, Oxford, where he has started a study of Agathis to investigate its potential as a plantation tree for softwood timber, for which he is doing a lot of travel. He will also work at the BM on a checklist of the flora of Nepal, together with Prof. H. H a r a. Present address: Mead Hall, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1UX, U.K.

In August 1974 the University of Melbourne conferred the D.Sc. degree upon Mr. Jim W i l l i s on the strength of his excellent Handbook to Plants of Victoria, a well-deserved honour with which he is warmly congratulated. He also received a medal for Scientific Research of the Year by the Royal Society of Victoria.

Dr. B. J. d e W i n t e r has been appointed Director of the National Herbarium, now named Botanical Research Institute, Private Bag X 101, Pretoria, South Africa.

Mr. T. M. W o n g, wood anatomist at Kepong, is involved in a project to standardize names of timber trees in SE.Asia.