

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

As of 19 December 1997, the **Christensen Research Institute (CRI)** has ceased operations. The Institute has been forced to close due to financial mismanagement during the years 1995 and 1996, for which the audits have been qualified. The CRI is no longer in a position to receive tax-exempt funds or donations from overseas due to these qualifications, and is therefore unable to continue as a going concern. The former Director, Dr. L. J. Orsak, was dismissed in August 1997. The matter has been referred to the police for further investigation.

The Institute would like to apologize to past and present staff members for the loss of their livelihoods, to the Mituntibun Family Landowner Group and the people of Riwo village, to the people of Baitabag village, to scientists and NGOs who had been planning work or meetings at CRI, and to the following agencies or grant-giving bodies to whom agreements, promised products or services were not delivered in full, including the British High Commission, Conservation Melanesia, CUSO, Department of Environment and Conservation, GDS, GEF, GTZ-LOAP, the MacArthur Foundation, New Zealand High Commission, OED, the PNG Biological Foundation, the PNG-IMR, the United Nations Development Programme, and WWF-Fiji.

The Board wishes to point out that the CRI has no complaint against any of its other employees in this matter. — (Included on behalf of the Board of Directors).

**The Indonesian Botanic Gardens and the Indonesian Network for Plant Conservation** can be consulted at the following sites. They are linked so you only need one address:

<http://www.bogor.indo.net.id/kri>

<http://www.bogor.indo.net.id/inetpc>

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**The Lorentz National Park**, Irian Jaya, has been nominated as a world heritage site because of its biological diversity potential.

The Park area has reached 2,150,000 hectares and has become the largest national park in SE Asia. It has seven ecosystem types, ranging from coastal, mangrove, to an alpine mountain range that is covered by snow. There are only two other similar snow areas in the world: the Andes in South America and the Kilimanjaro in East Africa.

Of the total of 154 species of mammals and 639 of birds of Irian Jaya, there are 123 mammals and 411 birds in the Park, next to many plant species specific to Irian Jaya.

The National Park also is home to 18,000 people of six ethnic groups, i.e. the Asmat, Kamoro, and Sempan on the south coast, and Nduga, West Dani, and Damal (Amungme) in the interior. Any plans for a national park conservation should clearly involve those local communities. — Antara News, Tuesday, September 2, 1997.

**The National Orchid Garden of Singapore** is described by Dr. K.W. Tan in *Orchids*, Sept. 1997: 898–903.

**The Botanic Gardens, Singapore (SING)** now has its own e-mail address for loan requests and notification of visits to the herbarium: nparks\_sbg\_herbarium@nparks.gov.sg

**The Southeast Asia Discussion Group, Kew** can be subscribed to by e-mailing to: majordomo@mail.rbgekew.org.uk

It can be viewed on site:

<http://lion/rbgekew.org.uk/herbarium/geography/asiatropical/seahome.html>

**The Tropical Biology and Conservation Unit, University Malaysia Sabah**, Locked Bag 2073, 88999 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia is intending to set up a small herbarium mainly for teaching purposes in tropical forestry.

### *Personal news and Obituaries*

Mr. A. Berhaman has moved from SAN to the Tropical Biology and Conservation Unit, USM, Kota Kinabalu.

Corner, E. J. H. (1906–1996)

Anonymous, *Obituary* Edred John Henry Corner. *Gardenwise* 10 (1988) 15, portr.

Cuéllar, Juan de (?1739–1801)

*Fl. Males.* I, 1 (1950) 120; 5 (1958) cclxx.

P. de San Pío Aladrén (ed.), *La expedición de Juan de Cuéllar a Filipinas* (1997) 196 pp., illus. (In Spanish). ISBN 84-7782-481-9. — Sumptuous account, even if you cannot read Spanish.

Domin, Karel (1882–1953)

B. Skocdoplová, History of Domin's Australian herbarium collection. *Casopis Národ. Muz., Rada Prir.* 166 (1997) 11–14, illus., portr. — Proclaimed a cultural monument; deposited in Pruhonice near Prague (PR).

Dr. M.H.P. Jebb has been appointed curator and senior taxonomist of DBN in September 1997. One other taxonomist is soon to be appointed. A purpose-built new herbarium and library was opened by the Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. B. Ahern, on 6 October 1997. The next building phase includes a visitor's centre and lecture hall.

Johnson, L.A.S. (1925–1997)

B.G. Briggs, Lawrence Alexander Sidney Johnson, 26 June 1925 – 1 August 1997, *Austr. Syst. Bot. Soc. Newsl.* 92 (1997) 24–25; *Telopea* 7 (1997) 177–180, portr., bibliography after 1996 (incomplete).

Junghuhn, F.W. (1809–1864)

H. van der Kamp, Franz Wilhelm Junghuhn, 1809–1864: een korte biografie. *De Boekerij* 2/2 (1997) 14–16, portr.; *Junghuhns biografen*, l.c.: 16–18 (in Dutch).

Kalkman, Cornelis ('Kees') (Delft, The Netherlands, 5 May 1928 – Leiden, 19 January 1998)

P. Baas, *Blumea* 35 (1991) 277–278, portr.; J.F. Veldkamp, *Fl. Males. Bull.* 10 (1994) 324–325.

The following obituary is largely based on the Memorial Speech by Prof. P. Baas during the funeral of Professor Kalkman in Leiden on 23 January 1998:

On that morning of Monday, January 19, we were all shattered to hear of the sudden death by a brain haemorrhage of our friend, colleague, and former Director. After his retirement he had stayed on at the institute, like so many others, finally able to continue his studies without being distracted by meetings, classes, and other obligations. Now he had the opportunity to finish his account of the *Rosaceae* for the *Flora Malesiana* (1993) and to fulfill his long ambition to write a book on Economic Botany, nearly done now. He had just completed a worldwide treatment of the *Rosaceae* for Kubitzki's *Families and genera of vascular plants*. Another very important job was the editing of the manuscripts for the *Flora Malesiana*, a pivotal issue in the progress of the programme. For this he maintained essential contacts with our collaborators, worldwide, so the impact of his demise was felt not only here. As the news was spread around the world, many letters from abroad with condolences arrived at the Rijksherbarium/Hortus Botanicus, proving how well-appreciated he was by many.

Here, he was available to us all as a source of considered advice on the finer points in taxonomy, plant morphology, plant uses, collectors, nomenclature, and historical backgrounds, subjects that cannot be taught but which gradually accumulate during life-long experience. Although he actually was of an introvert nature and a bit shy, modest and courteous (but with a delightful sense of dry humour), he overcame this and tenaciously defended the Institute whenever he felt that its well-being was threatened by the continuous attempts of 'rationalization', economic cut-backs, and under-evaluation of 'clas-

sical' taxonomy. His success in this was not in the least due to the respect he commanded by his absolute integrity. Thus, to his own surprise no doubt, he turned out to be one of the most significant Directors in the history of the Rijksherbarium.

He has been honoured with the Knighthood in the Order of the Dutch Lion on May 30, 1991, and was elected Foreign Member of the Linnean Society of London in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Jopie, and two daughters, Fieke and Hermieneke, to whom we extend our deepest sympathies. — J.F. Veldkamp.

Dr. K. Kartawinata has joined the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), an inter-governmental organization within the family of the Consultative Group of the International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), located at Bogor, Indonesia. His new address will be: CIFOR, P.O. Box 6596 JKPWB, Jakarta 10065, Indonesia (e-mail: cifor@cgnet.com).

Dr. R. Kiew has been appointed Keeper of the Herbarium and Library at SING as of 1 November, 1997.

Kostermans, A.J.G.H. (1906–1994)

M.A. Rifai, Kostermans: the man, his work, his legacy. In: J. Dransfield et al., *Pl. Div. Mal. III* (1997) 225–230.

Richards, P.W. (1908–1995)

Anonymous, *J. Bryol.* 19 (1997) 841: portr.; D. Ratcliffe, Paul Westmacott Richards, 1908–1995. *Abstr. Bot.* 21 (1997) 7–9, portr.

Stafleu, Frans Antonie (Velsen, The Netherlands, 8 September 1921 – Utrecht, 16 December 1997)

W. Greuter, Frans Antonie Stafleu. *Taxon* 47 (1998) 3–36, portr., bibliography (645 titles), taxa, eponymy, honours.