

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Dr. P.S. ASHTON (A) has resigned from his job as Director in December 1987.

Dr. G.S. CASAL is now Director of the National Museum of the Philippines (PNH).

Ms. R. VAN CREVEL (L), the well-known illustrator of so many revisions in the Flora Malesiana and Blumea, has retired on 1 January 1988. The genus *Ruthiella* Steen. (*Campanulaceae*) has been named after her.

Mr. J.R. CROFT (formerly of LAE) has become herbarium manager at the Canberra Botanical Gardens (CBG).

Ms. P. DY PHON (P) on 23 December 1987 obtained a Ph.D. degree at Paris on a thesis on the morphology and phylogeny of *Uraria* (*Leguminosae*). Our congratulations!

Dr. M. JEBB (formerly of OXF) has taken up the post of Director of the Christensen Research Institute, POB 105, Madang, Papua New Guinea, on 1 December 1987. (See also Chapter VIII).

Dr. L.A.S. JOHNSON (NSW) was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 1987.

Mr. G.J. DE JONCHEERE (L) due to bad health had to decide to stop his work on the Pteridophytes at the Rijksherbarium.

Mr. Y.F. LEE (SAN) departed in September 1987 to Oxford, U.K., to study with Dr. T.C. Whitmore for his Ph.D. His successor at the Sepilok Herbarium is Ms. JUMRAFAH.

Dr. J. MCNEILL has become Director at E. Our congratulations with this new post!

Dr. W. MEIJER (KY) was reappointed as Forest Botanist at SAN with the honorary title of Senior Research Associate. He would have stayed in SAN if they had also added the appropriate salary.

Dr. G.T. PRANCE (NY) will become Director at K in about September 1988. Our congratulations with this new post!

Dr. G. SEIDENFADEN (C), the well-known Danish diplomat, nature conservationist, and orchidologist became 80 on 24 February 1988. He is still active in his work on the Thai orchids and we hope he may continue to do so for many years to come. Our sincere congratulations. See also M. Steril, *Die Orchidee* 39 (1988) '21' for a brief biography and eponymy, e.g. several orchids, a gigantic shark, *Fadenia crenulata*, and a Danish vessel for combating environmental pollution for combating environmental pollution for combating environmental pollution.

Dr. H.O. SLEUMER (L) has finalized his activities at the Rijksherbarium. The treatment of the *Myrsinaceae* of New Guinea is finished and he does not want to start on something new. At his age, 82, he is well entitled to enjoy his retirement and he can look back on a most productive life of science. With him one of the last active members of the illustrious pre-war Berlin school has now left the scene. For the Malesian flora he will be remembered especially for his monumental treatment of the *Ericaceae*.

Dr. K.W. TAN has become Director of the Singapore Botanic Gardens after a vacancy of 20 years. It is to be hoped that he will soon install the old vim and vigour again. (See also Chapter VIII).

Mr. I.M. TURNER returned to Oxford in December 1987 after completing 2 years' work at Pantai Aceh, Penang, attached to the Universiti Sains, Malaysia. He will now write up his research on seedling ecology and its interaction with forest canopy gaps.

Dr. B. VERDCOURT (K) has officially retired on 19 January 1987, but will continue his diverse botanical studies.

Mr. L. VOGELZANG (L), the eminent and well-known librarian of the Rijksherbarium, has retired on 5 November 1987. His expert knowledge will be sorely missed by the staff members of the Institute and its many visitors, who often relied on his prodigious memory about the whereabouts of rare and urgently needed literature. He is succeeded by his former assistant Mr. C. LUT. Our best wishes to both!

Mr. P.C. VAN WELZEN (L) will stay at the Rijksherbarium for an additional 16 months in compensation for the period of his stint in the army.

Ms. Dr. K.L. WILSON (NSW) is the Australian Botanical Liaison Officer at Kew from August 1987 to August 1988. She replaces Ms. Dr. J.G. WEST (CANB).

Mr. K.M. WONG has taken up a position as Forestry Officer (Botany) with the Brunei Forestry Department. He will reactivate BRUN and the botanical collecting.