

FINANCIAL NEWS

The **EU-Human Capital and Mobility** grant for the network on Botanical diversity in the Indo-Pacific region finished in December 1996. By enabling 4 post-docs and 5 post-graduates to do Flora Malesiana related research, this network has made an important contribution to the Flora projects involved.

All in all the 9 grantees treated some 350 species, which means an annual rate of 20 species/person. This is quite substantial compared to the average annual rate of contributors to the Flora Malesiana which is about 15 species/person. Furthermore, the cooperation among the participating institutes has achieved important impetus thanks to the network grant and has led to a number of joint Ph.D.-projects and exchange of grantees to complete the network projects under a different funding scheme. The collaboration in the network has resulted amongst other things in 33 joint publications. The *Euphorbiaceae* research has obtained important impulse from the network. Completion of the revision of the *Apocynaceae* has come in sight, due to the substantial amount of work that could be carried out thanks to the network grant.

Exchange of expertise and information has increased significantly. A further spin-off are initiatives for new joint projects with at least part of the present nodes. The grantees have benefited greatly from the opportunities the network offers, regarding training, research techniques and methodologies, field experience, mobility, etc.

The EU granted individual post-doc fellowships to Dr. D. J. Middleton and Dr. H. Schneider to work in L on *Apocynaceae* and *Pteridaceae* for Flora Malesiana, respectively.

NWO visitors grants — The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) awarded visitors grants to Dr. P. Hoffmann to continue her *Antidesma* (*Euphorbiaceae*) research as an extension of her EU fellowship in the Human Capital and Mobility network, and to Prof. C.-M. Hu (IBSC, Guangzhou, China) to start his work as coordinating author of the *Myrsinaceae* for Flora Malesiana. Both will be able to work for 12 months in L. Dr. Hoffmann will complete her revision by studying the remaining New Guinea taxa. Dr. Hu will examine the collections in L (and hopefully K and P as well) and concentrate his studies at first on *Ardisia*, the largest genus.