## VI. MISCELLANEOUS

(Obituaries, personal news, etc.) (continued from page 240)

BAAS, PIETER (28 April 1944, Wieringermeer, The Netherlands - \*)

Dr. Baas was appointed retroactive to 1 January 1991 as Professor of Systematics and Scientific Director of the Rijksherbarium (L) and Hortus Botanicus after the retirement of Dr. C. Kalkman. Although he is an anatomist, he has a keen interest in the Flora Malesiana and intends to lead its progress vigorously.

- Dr. T. DEROIN (P) appointed in October 1989 as 'Maître de Conférences' is in charge of the Asiatic Department for loans and exchanges in P (Paris).
- Dr. J. DRANSFIELD (K) received the Englerian Medal for his monographic studies in the *Palmae*.
- Dr. J.R. FLENLEY has become Professor in Geography at the Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand. He continues his work on the South Pacific region and has papers in press on the late Quarternary vegetation history of Easter Island, and altitudinal zonation in rain forest and ultra-violet isolation.

FORSTER, J.R. & G. — Dr. F.R. Fosberg (US) visited BM, K, LINN, P, S locating and studying collections made by J.R. Forster, G. Forster, and A. Sparrman in the South Pacific on Captain Cook's second voyage around the world (1773–1776). A considerable number not seen before were found, and some studied previously were re-examined. It is hoped to produce an interpretation in modern terms of the species based on them with lectotypification where appropriate. Notification of previous lectotypifications will be appreciated. It is considered that all typifications of Forster species are lectotypifications, as specimens were not cited as such in Forster's and many other early works. Nor can even apparently identical Forster specimens be regarded as duplicated, as there is no assurance or even likelihood that they were collected at the same time and place. Original data exist on very few Forster specimens as they have mostly been replaced, copied or substituted by subsequent owners or custodians of the collections. A preliminary paper discussing the problems involving these collections has been prepared and submitted for publication. — F.R. FOSBERG.

Dr. H. FORTUNE HOPKINS has left UPNG. Her new address is Masons Arms, Hutton Roof, Carnforth LA6 2PE, U.K.

Dr. E. HENNIPMAN (formerly at U) is presently involved in economic botany in the profit sector, concentrating on applied taxonomy of flowering plants and ferns in particular. However, as former Professor he will retain the responsibilities for Ph.D students for the coming years.

HOLTTUM, RICHARD ERIC. 20 July 1895, Linton, U.K. -18 September 1990, London, U.K. - R.E. Holttum, by himself. Fl. Males. Bull. vol. 6, no 28 (1975) 2477–2500, portr. opp. p. 2524, autobiography, eponymy, bibliography (419 titles); Fl. Males. Bull. 7 (1976–1979) 2531, 2538, 2738, 2747, 2971, 2982; 8 (1980–1983) 3379, 3719, 3754; see indices to the various volumes for smaller notes and additional bibliography.

Other, recent references: Anon., Eric Holttum, The Times 25 September 1990, portr.; Anon., Professor Eric Holttum, Daily Telegraph 2 October 1990, 21, portr.; R. John, Botanising in Malaya, The Guardian 28 September 1990, portr.; D.B. Lellinger, Richard Eric Holttum (1895–1990), Am. Fern J. 80 (1990) 191–192; J.T. Mickel, Fiddlehead Forum 18 (1991) 1, portr.; S. Schneckenburger, Prof. Dr. h. c. Eric Holttum. Palmengarten 2/91 (1991) 28, col. pl.; W.T. Stearn, Professor Eric Holttum, The Independent 29 Sept. 1990, portr.

As can be seen from the above, very incomplete list, it will be obvious that Dr. Holttum has had a great impact on Malesian Botany. A more full survey is planned to be published in 1992 at Kew, where a special volume will be dedicated to him and his works, much more extensive than can be attempted on these pages.

It is remarkable that he remained so prolific until his very last days, not hampered by his deafness, which made communication with his so social personality very troublesome. With his death of pneumonia at the age of 95 a remarkable figure has sadly left us, one of the giants that stood at the foundations of the Flora Malesiana, editor of the series on Pteridophytes, renovator of the taxonomy of bamboos and orchids, to name a few of his important contributions to taxonomic science of this century.

HORSFIELD, THOMAS (1773-1859).

BASTIN, J. 1990. The natural history researches of Dr. Thomas Horsfield (1773–1859), first American naturalist of Indonesia.

INOUE, HIROSHI (1932-December 29, 1989)

J. Jap. Bot. 65 (1990) 31–32, photo (Obituary, in Japanese); Dr. Hiroshi Inoue memorial publication, published by the Department of Botany (TI): photographs, biography, selected writings, obituaries, memorial writings, bibliography (in English), index to new names, afterword by Ms. TOSHIKO INOUE.

JAAG, O. 1990. Alor 1938 — Ein Reisebericht von Indonesien. Botanische Exkursion im südlichen malaiischen Archipel. — Posthumous publication by his wife, E. Jaag-Schenk.

JOHNS, R.J. (PNGUT, now K) has been appointed as Head of the fern section of K.

KALKMAN, CORNELIS (5 May 1928, Delft, The Netherlands – \*)

Dr. Kalkman, Professor-Director of the Rijksherbarium (L) from 1972, used the opportunity of early retirement at the age of 62 on 13 December 1990. He was a superb administrator and has done much for the Institute to maintain its integrity and survival in the turbulent past decennia which saw many changes, few for the good, in taxonomy in the Netherlands. He was deservedly honoured with a Knighthood in the Order of the Dutch Lion on 30 May 1991.

Most of his duties he has passed on to his successor, Dr. P. Baas, and now has the opportunity to finish his revision of the Rosaceae for the Flora Malesiana and to write a book on economic botany. For the time being he will continue to chair the Flora Malesiana Foundation.

A brief biography was published by Baas in Blumea 35 (1991) 277–278, portr. To his many achievements enumerated there it may be added that he was also editor of one issue of the Flora Malesiana Bulletin (no. 36, 1983) after Jacobs' untimely death.

- KATIK, P. Photograph in Fisher & Rutishauser, Can. J. Bot. 68 (1990) 2318.
- Mr. J. DE KONING has been appointed as Prefect (more or less equivalent to Keeper) at the Botanical Garden of L.

KORIBA, KWAN (Aomori, Japan, 6 September 1882 – Hirosaki, Japan, 14 or 15 December 1957). — War-time Director of the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

- J. ARDITTI, Kwan Koriba: botanist and soldier. Gard. Bull., Singapore 42 (1989) 1–17, illus., biogr., history of Gardens during WW II.
- Dr. A.J.G.H. KOSTERMANS (BO) received through the hands of the Dutch Ambassador in Jakarta, Baron G.W. de Vos van Steenwijk, the Commander's Cross of the Order of Oranje Nassau, a high Dutch distinction, on 16 August 1990 and an award for his long-established personal merits acquired towards the Netherlands in the advancement of good relations between the Netherlands and Indonesia in the field of Science, in particular by his devotion, often under difficult circumstances, for the maintenance of the scientific work previously performed by Dutchmen in the field of Botany in Indonesia, by stimulating and cultivating a young generation of Indonesian botanists, in order that the work begun in the Dutch period could be continued, and by the publication of an important scientific oeuvre that has gained a large international recognition.

He has been promised that he will eventually be buried in the small Cemetery of the Kebun Raya, next to Kuhl and Van Hasselt, therefore pleasant company. There is, however, one condition. He should not wait too long, otherwise the permissions will run out. He will therefore have to hurry to kick the bucket.

LEDERMANN, CARL LUDWIG (29 July 1875, Cennier, Switzerland – February 1958, Volkach, Germany). — See in Bibliography: F.R. Fosberg & R.L. Oliver (1991) for his collections from the Caroline Islands, partly still present in B! Brief biography. (See also Flora Malesiana Bulletin 10/1: 32–38 for other collection data on Ledermann.)

- Mr. A. MOGEA (BO) has obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Indonesia (Jakarta) on Arenga with honours ('cum laude').
  - Dr. M.E. NOORDELOOS has been appointed as mycologist at L.
- Dr. P.H. RAVEN (MO) was awarded an Honourary Doctorate at Leiden University on 8 February 1990 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to systematic botany and nature conservation. On 9 February he gave an opening address to mark to 400th anniversary of the Hortus Botanicus, now part of the Research Institute Rijksherbarium /Hortus Botanicus (L). Later in the year Dr. RAVEN received another honour in the Netherlands: an Ark of the World Wildlife Fund was presented to him by H.R.H. Prince Bernhard.

Dr. M.C. ROOS (formerly of U) has been appointed as Head of the Tropical Group at L. He obtained his Masters Degree at L, e.g. on pre-graduate studies of *Diplectria* (Melastomataceae), of *Platycerium* and on the tropical ecology of lowland forests in Jambi, Sumatra, and his Ph.D. in U on the taxonomy and phylogeny of drynarioid ferns. Next to his many duties he hopes to help with the revision of the Gramineae of Malesia.

Dr. S.H. SOHMER (BISH) has a leave of absence from the Bishop Museum to work with the Agency for International Development (AID). His address is ST/FENR, 509—SA18, Agency for International Development, Washington (DC) 20523–1812, fax (703) 875–4394. He can also be reached through his address in Hawai'i.

SPARRMAN, A., see FORSTER, J.R. & G.

STEENIS, C.G.G.J. VAN.

C. KALKMAN, Van Steenis remembered, in P. Baas et. al. (1990) 1–9, 1 photo; W. MEIJER, Van Steenis' contributions to nature conservation and public education, ibid.: 305–311.

B.C.TAN was in the last issue (p. 240) said to be working at LAM. In fact he has had an affiliate research associationship there for the past years, but no chance of working there by lack of funds. He is now at the Farlow Herbarium (FH), Cambridge (MA), U.S.A.

Mr. A. TALIB BIN OTHMAN joined the Botany Unit of SAR in February 1990 as Forest Botanist, to leave again in December to study at the Oklahoma University.

In 1989 Brunei reduced its (already small) annual log production by 50%, from 200,000 m<sup>3</sup> to 100,000 m<sup>3</sup>. For 1990 the production was successfully kept to the lowered limit.

## REQUEST FOR MATERIAL

Mr. O. GIDEON (LAE) would very much appreciate to receive material of *Tapeinocheilos* (Costaceae) from Irian Jaya for his forthcoming revision. Please send to the Herbarium of the James Cook University, Townsville (Ql.) - 4811, Australia (JCT).