

**VII. HERBARIA, GARDENS, ORGANIZATIONS**

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The Christensen Research Institute, POB 305, Madang, Papua New Guinea, was officially opened on 9 January 1986. The Institute was founded by Ms. Dr. D. CHRISTENSEN, whose family foundation, the Christensen Fund, U.S.A., paid for the construction, upkeep, and general management. The first Director is Dr. M. JEBB. It is just outside of Madang on a peninsula within a large lagoon with a fringing barrier reef with numerous patch reefs and coral-rubble islands. It shares its 22 acre coconut plantation with a luxury hotel. Extensive areas of Medium crowned lowland hill forest exist, while there is access to several parts of the Ramu River and the foothills of the mountain ranges to the South. The facilities are dedicated to both marine and terrestrial biological research, and include extensive laboratory space with fresh and salt water aquaria, an air-conditioned dry lab, a library, a dark room, a herbarium, and a small museum. All the necessary research equipment is present, including an IBM-XT, and a well-equipped workshop. Available also are cars, boats, and various collecting gear for land and sea excursions. 25 Fellowships are offered annually with preference to scientists of the University of Papua New Guinea, CSIRO (Australia), Stanford University, and the California Academy of Sciences. They consist of return air fares, free accommodation and food, and free use of all facilities. Other visitors are welcome and then must pay a reasonable daily rate for lodging, food, and rent of equipment. Research visa costs can be obtained through C.R.I. for Kina 230.00 (!). For further information contact one of the following persons: Dr. M. JEBB, C.R.I., POB 305, Madang; Ms. Dr. D. FAUTIN, California Academy of Science, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California - 94118; Sir R. SOUTHWOOD, Zoology Dept., South Parks Road,

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**Forest Research Institute, Kepong (KEP):** A historical review has been published by K.M. WONG (See Bibliography).

**Forest Research Institute, Lae (LAE)** is now being built with Japanese aid. The Herbarium, with an extension, is to be one of its wings.

**The Herbarium of University of the Philippines at Los Baños** has the formal abbreviation CAHUP (see Vol. 9, p. 401).

Contrary to previous remarks (Fl. Males. Bull. 9, p. 283) the split-up of the former Lembaga Biologi Nasional (L.B.N.) – LIPI, Bogor, has been as follows: the Pusat Penelitian dan Pengembangan Bioteknologi (Centre for Biotechnological Research and Development), the Pusat Penelitian dan Pengembangan Limnologi (Centre for Limnological Research and Development), and the Pusat Penelitian dan Pengembangan Biologi (Centre for Biological Research and Development). The bulk of the L.B.N. has remained with the last Institute, where further changes took place: the Herbarium Bogoriense (BO) and the Treub Laboratory ceased to exist as independent institutes, and merged into the Balai Penelitian dan Pengembangan Botani (Division of Botanical Research and Development) headed by Dr. SOEDARSONO RISWAN, while the Bogor Botanical Garden and her branches have been given a special status, an executing technical unit, directed directly from the LIPI Central Office in Jakarta. With this new status the Garden will be entitled to raise its own non-governmental funds for financing its many development programs, a privilege denied to it under the previous system of management.

**Micronesian Research Center (MARC).** Recent activities are described by H. KURASHINA et al., Atoll Res. Bull. 293 (1987) 11–14.

The Herbarium at the Sepilok Research Centre is getting extra space since a new office Building has been added to the complex. Ms. JUMRAFAH, a biology/zoology graduate from UKM is Acting Herbarium Curator, after Mr. Y.F. LEE's departure in September 1987.

The Singapore Botanic Garden after a period of twenty years finally has a new Director again, Dr. K.W. TAN. We wish the Institute and its staff all the best in their intended reorganization whereby SING will hopefully take its place as a Centre of Excellence in S.E. Asian botany again.