

### III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Dr. J. A. R. A n d e r s o n, who retired from the Sarawak Forest Service, and now lives at 15 Church Hill, Edinburgh EH10 4BG, will continue his interest in Malesian botany and ecology as a consultant forester and ecologist. The MS. of a project on which he had been working for several years is now in the final stage. This is a "Check List of

the Trees of Sarawak"; the scientific names will be coded and alphabetically arranged by families, genera and species, together with a moderately comprehensive list of vernacular names. This should be of value to the Forest Department in Sarawak.

Miss P. A s t o n, senior botanist at the Melbourne Herbarium, is Australian liaison officer at Kew where she will remain until mid-1974. She is specialized in aquatic plants of Australia on which subject she wrote a most informative book (1973) which will be duly reviewed in this journal.

Dr. R. C. B a k h u i z e n v a n d e n B r i n k Jr of the Rijksherbarium was a guest-professor at Aarhus University during the first 7 months of 1973. While there, he found time to prepare an extensive key to the genera of Rubiaceae in Thailand, due for publication in the Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society.

On 15 December 1971, Mr. M. M. J. v a n B a l g o o y of the Rijksherbarium took his doctor's degree, with Professor C.G.G.J. van Steenis, on a thesis on 'Plant Geography of the Pacific'; see page 2053. In mid-1974 he hopes to go for one year to Malaya as a senior lecturer in botany at the newly established Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, where he is to teach in Malay, and to spend five months of field work.

Dr. John S. B e a r d has resigned as Director and Chief Botanist of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney. He is back at Perth and will continue his vegetation mapping. Besides, he will also do some advisory work on conservation, landscaping and rehabilitation.

On 15 March 1972, Mr. C. F. v a n B e u s e k o m of the Rijksherbarium took his doctor's degree, cum laude, with Professor C.G.G.J. van Steenis, on a thesis on *Meliosma* (Sabiaceae); see page 2092.

Dr. N. G. B i s s e t, phytochemist with taxonomic inclination, has sometime ago been appointed lecturer in pharmacognosy at Chelsea College, Manresa Road, London SW 3.

Mr. M. J. E. C o o d e, who resigned from the Lae Herbarium, has been appointed at the Kew Herbarium, to work on the flora of the Seychelles.

Mr. E. J. H. C o r n e r, F.R.S., retired from his professorship in September 1973. We wish him many good and productive years! The Moraceae for Flora Malesiana are virtually ready for the press. His address from now onwards is: 91 Hinton Way, Great Shelford, Cambs CB2 5AH, England.

Dr. Rolf D a h l g r e n, formerly of Lund, has succeeded Dr. A. S k o v s t e d as director of the Herbarium, Copenhagen, about May 1973.

Dr. Charles E. D e V o l, who has been a lecturer at the University of Taipei, Taiwan, for 15 years, has retired from active service in July 1973. In many ways he contributed to the development of the Botany Department. His research work centered on ferns. We will hope that he can continue this work and wish him a happy retirement. Taiwania volume 18 will be dedicated to him on this occasion.

Dr. J. E. D. F o x, who was for many years Ecologist in the Sabah Forestry Service and recently took his Ph.D. degree, was appointed Regional Forest Officer at Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea.

Mr. R. G e e s i n k, engaged on the NUFFIC development project to promote the botany of Thailand, will make an expedition to various parts of that country during April, May, and June 1974.

Dr. C. d e n H a r t o g, formerly staff member of the Rijksherbarium and widely known for his work on water plants, algae, plant sociology, and marine biology, was appointed Professor of Hydrobiology at University of Nijmegen, Netherlands. His address there: Afd. Aquatische Ecologie, Toer-nooiveld, Nijmegen.

Mr. T. A. H a t t i n k, who at the Rijksherbarium completed a revision of *Caesalpinia* for Malesia, 20 species, now in the press with *Reinwardtia*, will accompany Mr. R. G e e s i n k on an expedition to Thailand in April, May, and June 1974. He hopes to finish his studies later in the year and is then available for a job in tropical botany.

Dr. R. E. H o l t t u m undertook a series of travels in October-December 1972, to meet and confer with other botanists interested in ferns, and to enlarge his acquaintance of Thelypteridaceae. He visited the National Botanic Garden at Lucknow and the Indian Botanic Garden and Herbarium at Calcutta. Through the kindness of Dr. U. Sen he was able to stay for short periods at three forest bungalows in the Darjeeling district. From Penang in Malaya he paid a short visit to Cameron Highlands to see particular Thelypteroid ferns there, of which previous collections were not satisfactory. From Singapore he went on to Mt. Kinabalu in Sabah, accompanied by a party from the Botanic Gardens and Nanyang University, and was able to see many Thelypteroid ferns at 5000-7000 feet altitude, obtaining better specimens than those he gathered in that place 40 years previously. He pro-

ceeded to Manila via Hong Kong, where he met Dr. S. Y. H u, who is working on a new Flora of Hong Kong, also Mr. H. H. E d i e of the University who is studying local ferns, and Mrs. G. B a r r e t t o who is making an orchid garden of local species. In the Philippines his itinerary was arranged by Prof. P.M. Zamora of the University of the Philippines and Mr. M.G. Price of the College of Agriculture. Dr. Holtum gave lectures, also visited the new National Botanic Garden, and saw interesting ferns in the neighbouring forest. Back in Singapore he worked over specimens collected on Kinabalu, and lectured on Thelypteridaceae. He then travelled to Cochin via Madras, and was met by Prof. B.K. Nayar of the University of Calicut, travelling by road first to Calicut, whence he had a day on the Wynad Hills, then to Mysore and Bangalore Universities, and by air to Bombay, where he looked at fern specimens in the Blatter Herbarium (St Xavier's College). From Bombay he flew to Nairobi, where he was guest of Mr. J.B. Gillett, who took him to forest at 6000-7000 feet on the southern side of Mt. Kenya, where he found a very large plant of Pseudophegopteris, never collected in that area previously (thus showing how necessary specialist collecting is); he also studied Thelypteridaceae in the East African Herbarium. Part of the cost of travel was met by a grant from the Bentham-Moxon Trust.

Dr. E. H o r a k, Institut für spezielle Botanik, Zürich, spent a year in Papua New Guinea for collecting and study of Agarics, on the invitation of the Department of Forests. Several years ago he made a similar investigation during two years in New Zealand forests, mainly those of southern beeches and conifers. His impression is that the New Guinea forests do not harbour the enormous wealth of species as compared with those in New Zealand which he estimates at some 2000 species, the majority of which is new to science.

Dr. Richard A. H o w a r d, Director of the Arnold Arboretum, was elected president of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, to serve a 2-year term.

Dr. M. J a c o b s of the Rijksherbarium visited Bogor (1-11 August 1973) to see Mr. E.F. de Vogel's work on seedlings, and Canberra (13 and 14) in connection with his field work in New Guinea (see Exploration). In Port Moresby, on the way back, he saw the University and its garden, visited the Forestry Department, and was informed about conservation. He met Dr. B.C. Stone at Kuala Lumpur, then spent a few days in Manila (10-15 December) for talks about conserving the primary forest on Luzon's highest mountains, his exploration ground of 1968. Finally, he visited the Calcutta Herbarium

and Botanical Museum; he was back at Leiden on 20 December. In all the mentioned places he was received with great kindness and cordiality, but most of all in Manila. At Lae he was given the necessary cooperation.

Dr. L. A. S. J o h n s o n succeeded Dr. J.S. B e a r d as Director and Chief Botanist of the Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney, in June 1972.

Dr. C. K a l k m a n, hitherto senior botanist at the Rijksherbarium, was on 1 September 1972 appointed director of this institute and professor of botany at Leiden University. He was born on 5 May 1928 at Delft, finished his studies in biology in 1952, worked in western New Guinea from 1956 to 1959, and was a member of the expedition to the Star Mountains. In 1965 he took his Ph.D. degree with Professor C.G.G.J. van Steenis on a revision of the Old World species of *Prunus* subg. *Laurocerasus*. He spent much time on teaching and organisation work, and in 1972 published a Dutch textbook in connection with this task.

On his way back from Europe (guest professorships at Aarhus and Zürich) to Bogor, Dr. A. J. K o s t e r m a n s took a stop-over in New Delhi, Jaipur and Calcutta, where he delivered a number of lectures, then travelled to Coimbatore, where in the Neilgherry Mountains he found an undescribed *Cinnamomum* of which the spicy leaves have been traded for at least hundreds of years. By going to the sites himself, where often abundant material still was available, he also could solve other lauraceous puzzles. In mid-April he proceeded to Ceylon for collecting. "This is a useful and necessary physical training for the trip to Kabaena", he wrote. "I feel my age of nearly 67, and it takes more will power, daily to climb steep hills in the heat, but things go every day better, I get slim again as a pine tree." In July he was back at Bogor. The trip to Kabaena, an unexplored isle of limestone off SE. Celebes, first scheduled in September, has been delayed until about March 1974. Thereafter, Dr. Kostermans will come to Leiden, for the final struggle, with Dr. M. Jacobs on his side, with the Lauraceae for the Flora Malesiana. In the next issue an exploration report on Ceylon will be given.

Dr. K. U. K r a m e r, hitherto curator of the Utrecht Herbarium, has been appointed to a newly created Chair of Classical Taxonomic Botany at the University of Zürich, Switzerland, to start on 16 April 1974. He will also be curator of the Zürich Herbarium (Z), Pelikanstrasse 40, there continue his pteridological work.

Dr. K u s w a t a Kartawinata is temporarily working at the BIOTROP organisation at Bogor, to succeed Dr. S o e - g e n g Reksodihardjo who resigned some time ago. In order to help develop the tropical forest biology program, he is conducting training courses, and field work, especially in Borneo, making efforts to salvage some of the forests under concession from destruction. We wish him the best of luck. He remains attached to the Herbarium Bogoriense; this is his mailing address.

Professor Kai L a r s e n of Aarhus has been appointed as a guest-professor at Bangkok for the year 1974.

Dr. M. L a z a r i d e s is on the scientific staff of the Division of Land Research of C.S.I.R.O., Canberra, but is not its chief as stated by error on page 1999. Peccavi.

Dr. K. M. M a t t h e w S.J. of St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli, Madras, India, worked at the Rijksherbarium during the year 1973, on a Z.W.O. fellowship. He monographed the genus *Mastixia* (Cornaceae), which is now ready for publication in *Blumea*.

Dr. Lorin I. N e v l i n g Jr, formerly Supervisor of the Herbaria of the Gray Herbarium and the Arnold Arboretum, and Curator of each institution, resigned in July to accept a position as Chairman of the Department of Botany of the Field Museum in Chicago.

Dr. G. P a n i g r a h i is stationed at Kew as Indian Liaison Officer onwards of January 1973; he will stay for about two years, advising the Botanical Survey of India in their pursuit of the Flora of India Project.

Dr. E. Q u i s u m b i n g spent almost a year in European herbaria (Leiden, Kew, Madrid) to complete his census of the Philippine collections of Vidal, and further to bring the enumeration of Oakes Ames of Philippine Orchidaceae (in Merrill's Enumeration of 1923) up to date. He returned to Manila in February 1973.

Dr. Rolla S. R a o, formerly of the Poona Herbarium, has been appointed Director of the National Herbarium, Howrah, Calcutta, 1 December 1973, to succeed Mr. K. Subramanyam, who retired.

Dr. R. G. R o b b i n s, formerly of the University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby, has taken up an appointment at the Division of Applied Plant Sciences, University of Nairobi, P.O. Box 30 197, Nairobi, Kenya.

Prof. Dr. J. V. S a n t o s retired from his professorship of Botany in the University of the Philippines, Febr. 13, 1973, on reaching the age limit of 65. On this occasion the President of the University presented him a diploma of merit for his work on pasture and forage grasses and his important work done on campus beautification and landscaping. Through his many administrative duties his scientific work lagged behind and he wrote us that he will resume this and make up for the time lost. The Philippine Botanical Society has scheduled a monthly lecture series in his honor for 12 months. We heartily wish him many fruitful years to come.

The president of the Indonesian Council of Sciences (LIPI), under which also the Lembaga Biologi Nasional at Bogor resorts, Professor S a r w o n o, has retired on the age limit. He did much to promote botanical work in Indonesia; we are happy to express our gratitude to him, and to wish him many years in good health. He is succeeded by Professor K a t i l i.

Dr. H. O. S l e u m e r concluded his work on the Flacourtiaceae for the various African Floras, and has now undertaken the huge task to revise the New World species, on a special fellowship. We are very sorry to see him abandon Malesian botany (for the time being), but know that it was the obvious thing for him to do, in view of his extensive preliminary work on the family. Although he must now travel widely in America, his workshop will fortunately remain in the Rijksherbarium.

Professor C. G. G. J. v a n S t e e n i s was named an honorary member of the Société Biogéographique at Paris, a member of the Hollandsche Maatschappij van Wetenschappen, Haarlem, and foreign member of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh.

Professor Van Steenis, who at his retirement ceremony had been given a sum of money to travel, contributed by the 'Van' (Steenis) Club with its worldwide membership, decided to visit the Antipodes. His report:

From 7 September to 15 December 1973 my wife and I made a most interesting and instructive botanical emeritus holiday trip to the Sandy Continent and the Cloudy Isles, of which I give a too brief report by kind invitation of the Editor. We enjoyed abundant assistance and hospitality and met many friends and colleagues who had contributed to the spending-money given to me on retirement and intended for a search of land-bridges. We regret to have had no opportunity to stay with our friends in the Malesian tropics. Paul Wilson introduced us in the fascinating flora of Western Australia (N.

of Perth onto dry Mt. Magnet with Selenothamnus) (9-16/9), Paul Wycherley tracked us S. of Perth and through the Stirling Ra. (18-21/9); we enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Teasdale, her buffet tea party and the guidance of our old correspondent Mrs. Mills at Merredin. On the way to the airport Mr. George showed us the famous Pilostyles in a derelict piece of heath. From Sydney Tony Rodd led us along coast and sandstone hills to *Nothofagus moorei* (with Chew Wee Lek and Jacobs) (27-30/9); back at Sydney we admired Opera House thanks to a detestable strike of some radar people who stranded thousands of innocent people, a sure sign that democracy reigns in New South Wales; cutting short our stay in Auckland by 3 days; admired Dr. Johnson and Barbara Briggs in their fight for a badly needed new Herbarium. In North Island Dr. Orchard and his wife guided us to the kauri area of Kerikeri (with Mr. Bangerter, specialized in the British flora and quite at home here, Prof. Rattenbury and Dr. Braggins) (8-11/10); proceeded through Prof. Chapman's help to Roturua, a familiar volcanic landscape; enjoyed meeting Dr. Fish, the fish expert (13-15/10). Picked up by Dr. Dawson at huge Taupo Lake, stayed at the famous Chateau, enjoyed fresh snow falling on Mt. Ruapehu and saw eruption clouds far away on Mt. Ngarahoë; through National Park to cool Wellington, meeting Prof. Gordon, Dr. Hamlin and the famous botanical artist, Nancy M. Adams (15-20/10). From Wellington via Picton to Kaikoura (NE. South Island) staying in the marine biological station; ascent of Mt. Fyffe (with Lance Boyd); Mrs. Mannering, her husband having flu, spreading her warm wings in wet and cold over us (21-23/10). Picked up by Bill Philipson to Christchurch; warm reception at D.S.I.R., magnificently housed, active institute; trip to Fogg Peak with vegetable sheep (27/10). With Lucy Moore and Yvonne Elder the Westland trip, rather wet, via Lewis Pass, Fox Glacier and Haast Passes to Queenstown (28/10-1/11), flown to Manapouri. With Bill & Melva Philipson to Fiordland (2-6/11), but only 1½ bright day, otherwise sodden moss dripping beech forest. To Dunedin, where Mr. Meurck and Dr. Mark showed us the peculiar Otago alpine plateaux of Old Man Range and Rock & Pillar and our host Geoff Baylis the coast (7-13/11). By air to Mt. Cook on our own; Hooker valley and Tasman Glacier, return by air through magnificent Alps to Christchurch (14-16/11). Arthur's Pass, with Philipsons, Lucy Moore and Dr. Wardle, very wet (17/11), Chapman's sheep farm (18/11). To Sydney (19/11); led by Ruurd Hoogland to Jervis Bay, guided by Frank Ingwersen in coastal heaths; inland through Divide Ra.; met by Canberra party with Eichler, Nigel Wace, Pullen, and Andries Kanis; to Canberra (19-22/11); guest of the University. Snowy Mts (24-26/11); discussion meeting Fl.



Mal. for plans of Fl. Austral., Prof. Robertson and Prof. Catchside, Nancy Burbidge and many others (27/11). Trip to magnificent Grampians (sandstone) with Ruurd Hoogland and Jim Willis (29/11-2/12). Tasmania: guest of Winifred Curtis, various trips with her and Dennis Morris (4-12/12). End of our wonderful experience, warm thanks to all for sympathy, assistance and friendship. The 1750 collections are an eternal testimony of this.

Dr. Peter Stevens, formerly of Lae, has joined the staff of the Arnold Arboretum in September, 1973, and will continue his interests in the Flora of New Guinea and in the Meliaceae. His title will be Assistant Curator. He would like to receive ripe fruits of Calophyllum (Guttiferae), with voucher specimens.

Dr. K. Subramanyam has retired, December 1973, from his post as Director, Botanical Survey of India. He has settled at 'Vacanti', 55/3 Forest Main Road, Tata Silk Farm, Basavangudi, Bangalore, 56000-4, Karnataka State, South India.

Mr. H. Streimann resigned from the Division of Botany, Lae. He is now attached to the Canberra Botanical Gardens, his address being 1138 Templeton Street, Cook 2614 A.C.T.

Mr. K. Thatathri is now Publications Officer of the Botanical Survey of India, 14 Madan Street, Calcutta 13. He is, among others, in charge of the publication of the Roxburgh Drawings, of which 6 fascicles have now appeared and the 7th is in preparation. He has published several papers on Leguminosae, and continues his work on the family, at the Central National Herbarium at Howrah, Calcutta.

Dr. P. B. Tomlinson, formerly of the Fairchild Tropical Garden, took up an appointment as Professor of Botany, Harvard Forest, Petersham, Mass. 01366, U.S.A.

On 4 September 1973, Mr. J. F. Veldkamp of the Rijksherbarium took his doctor's degree with Professor C.G.G.J. van Steenis, on a thesis 'A revision of Digitaria Haller (Gramineae) in Malesia'. See Progress: Gramineae.

Mr. E. F. de Vogel will conclude his seedlings work in the Bogor Botanic Gardens, return to Leiden towards the end of 1974, and there make his results ready for publication.

Dr. T. C. Whitmore at Cambridge, U.K., is engaged in writing a textbook for 1st year college students on the

Tropical Forests of the East, following his lectures given at the Universities at Penang and Singapore.

Mrs. Sri Hajati W i d o d o, botanist at the Institute of Technology, University of Bandung, Indonesia, spent in 1971-72 six months at the Rijksherbarium for advanced training, with Dr. M.M.J. van Balgooy and others. She published as junior author with Dr. P.W. Leenhouts a paper in Blumea on the seedling of Haplolobus (Burseraceae).

Dr. W. J. J. O. d e W i l d e of the Rijksherbarium and his wife, Mrs. B. E. E. d e W i l d e - D u y f j e s, have obtained a WOTRO grant for another four months of collecting in the Mt. Leuser Nature Reserves in northern Sumatra. They will leave late in 1974.