

XI. REQUEST

Pacific Plant Areas.

This is the name of a Standing Committee of the Pacific Science Congress, proposed to be established in 1939 by Prof.Dr H.J.Lam and realized with the 7th Pacific Science Congress, New Zealand (1949). The first chairman of it was Prof.Dr H.J.Lam.

It is the intention to come gradually to effective publication of maps and these will be published under this title in the Philippine Journal of Science.

A program, directions for compiling the maps, and attracting of collaborators is now under organization.

One of the points to realize is a reliable and complete list of published maps of species, genera, and other taxa.

For this purpose Mrs M.J.van Steenis-Kruseman, Marelaan 55, Oegstgeest, Holland, has been asked to collaborate.

Among the sources for her work are naturally various well-known books and serials, such as Die Pflanzenareale, Bulletin du Jardin Botanique de Buitenzorg, Blumea, Reinwardtia, Journal of the Arnold Arboretum, and books on plant geography and taxonomy (Good, Hutchinson, etc.). Such works she will be able to find herself for scanning.

There are, however, many odd articles in a host of journals and serials which may escape her attention, as for example a map by St.John on *Pisonia grandis*, in *Webbia*, a journal in which only occasionally Pacific plants are treated and mapped.

Mrs van Steenis should be extremely pleased with references to such occasionally published maps.