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(Obituaries, personal news, etc. — continued from page 255)

FUCHS-ECKERT, HANS PETER (Basel, October 28, 1928 — Trin, Switzerland, June 8, 1999)

Fl. Mal. I, 8 (1974) xxxvii, portr.

Malesian plant collector and also author of a number of nomenclatural papers in *Taxon*.

NG, DR. F.S.P.

Dr. F.S.P. Ng has retired on May 4, 1999, from TropBio Research, and may now be contacted at fng@pc.jaring.my, fax (6) (03) 6344753.

His successor is Dr. K. Kodiswaran (kodiswaran@tropbio.po.my), TropBio Research, Technology Park Malaysia, 57000 Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor DE, Malaysia.

NICOLSON, DAN HENRY (Kansas City, Missouri, 1933 — *)

R. DeFilipps, A prolific Asian plant corrector. *Plant Press*, n.s. 2 (1999) 1, 6 (Tongue-in-cheek biography).

PRANCE, SIR GHILLEAN T.

S. A. Mori, Ghillean T. Prance — Recipient of the 1998 Asa Gray Award. *Syst. Bot.* 24 (1999) 1–4, portr. (short biography).

SIDIYASA, DR. KADE

Dr. K. Sidiyasa (WAN) has received the prestigious Silver Engler Medal for the best revision of 1998. This PhD thesis obtained at the Leiden University under guidance of Dr. P. Baas, A.J.M. Leeuwenberg, and M.C. Roos is a world monograph of the genus *Alstonia* (Apocynaceae; 43 spp; *Blumea* Supplement 11) and combines a detailed alpha-taxonomic study of this economically important genus (timber, medicinal compounds) with an in-depth phylogenetic analysis based on original macromorphological, palynological, and wood anatomical data. The resulting cladogram is well-resolved and robust. We hope that his example will be followed by many young Malesian botanists, so that they ultimately can outcompete taxonomists from the old centres in Europe and the USA in the scientific inventory of their own megadiverse flora. — P. Baas

SLIKKERVEER, DR. L.J.

Dr. L.J. Slikkerveer (1941) has been appointed on 1 September 1999 as the first Professor of the Martha Tilaar Chair in 'Ethnobotanical knowledge systems, with special reference to medicinal plants in developing countries'. This was established at the Leiden University branch of the National Herbarium of the Netherlands (formerly Rijks-herbarium, L) and is funded by the Martha Tilaar Foundation Nederland, which maintains close links with the Indonesian Martha Tilaar Foundation. Dr. Martha Tilaar leads a thriving jamu and traditional cosmetics industry in Indonesia and combines a successful business with active programs in human resource development.

Slikkerveer's PhD (1983) at Leiden University was on anthropology and development sociology in the Horn of Africa. Since then he has broadened his interests as director of the LEAD Program (Leiden Ethnosystems and Development Program) with projects in Indonesia, Africa, and the Mediterranean region.

In 1993 he masterminded the highly successful *Pithecanthropus* Centennial. Among his many research projects are studies on indigenous herbal medicine in West Java, jointly with the Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung; on community health development in Sulawesi, and medicinal and aromatic plant conservation and use in Indonesia. He will take part in advanced training programs on human dimensions of conservation and traditional use of plant resources in the tropics in Leiden and Bandung. — P. Baas

STAFLEU, F.A.

A. Farjon, V. Westhoff & G. Zijlstra, Frans Stafleu FMLS (8.9.21–16.12.97). *Linnean* 15, 2 (1999) 35–39, portr.