

## VI. MISCELLANEOUS

(Obituaries, personal news, etc.)

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Mr. ABANG MOHD MOCHTAR ABANG PAWOZAN (SAR) is doing a post-graduate course for his Ph.D. at Reading under the guidance of Dr. D.M. KEITH-LUCAS and Dr. E. SOE-PADMO on the systematics and ecology of *Palaquium* (*Sapotaceae*).

Ms. M.G. AGOO (PNH) left the Philippine Flora Project at the end of February, 1994, to continue her Ph.D. studies at PNH. She has been replaced by Ms. M.S. SAMSON. Mr. J.A. ALVAREZ also left to become a forester with the Philippine National Oil Company.

Dr. J.H. BEAMAN has retired from the Michigan State University and now can spend full time doing research on the botanical inventory of Mt Kinabalu. On July 1, 1994, he became Director, Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation, University Malaysia Sarawak, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak. Fax: 82.671.123, phone 82.671.000.

Dr. D.J. BEDFORD (formerly at NSW), specialist in *Xanthorrhoea*, was appointed in September 1993 as Director of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

Mr. I.C. BUOT Jr. (CSCS) has obtained a Research Fellowship in Botany at the Chiba University, Japan, initially from October 1993 to March 1995.

Ms. E. CAMPBELL-GASIS (Edinburgh, U.K., and Sabah, Malaysia) was one week in L to study various families in preparation for the 'Field Guide to Economic Trees of Central Kalimantan'. This project is part of a major one funded by the British Overseas Administration in conjunction with the Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia, and in Britain, the Edinburgh Centre for Tropical Forests.

EICHLER, HANS-JÖRG (or HANSJÖRG)

W.R. BARKER, A ceremony in memory of Hansjörg Eichler at the State Herbarium of South Australia. *Austr. Syst. Bot. Soc. Newsl.* 77 (1993) 1; R. SCHODDE, Hansjörg Eichler: a valedictory. *Ibid.*: 2-4, ill.

EXELL, ARTHUR W. (1901 - 15 January 1993)

M.L. GONÇALVES, A memória de Arthur Wallis Exell, OBE. *Garcia de Orta, Bot.* 11 (1993) 1-3, portr.

Well-known for his Catalogue of vascular plants of S. Tom, which led to the *Conspectus florae angolensis*, co-founder of the Flora Zambesiaca project; revised *Combretaceae* for the Flora Malesiana.

FOSBERG, FRANCIS RAYMOND. Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., 20 May 1908 – 25 September 1991, Falls Church (VA), U.S.A.

See *Flora Malesiana Bulletin* 11 (1993) 122 for reference to selected bibliography; S. RENVOIZE, Raymond Fosberg. Independent 14 October 1993: 18.

Ms. R. GO (KEP) has been appointed as Junior Botanist by the Tree Flora of Sabah and Sarawak Project.

HATTORI, SINSKE — Volume 74 of *The Journal of the Hattori Botanical Laboratory* has been dedicated to his memory, containing an obituary by A.J. SHARP and a bibliography by M. MIZUTANI.

HEYNE, KAREL. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 30 August 1877 – Bennekom, The Netherlands, 11 November 1947

H. C. D. DE WIT, Karel Heyne and his classic on economic plants. *Prosea Newsl.*, Sp. Iss. (1994) 1–8, ill. Biography, brief history of the Herbarium Bogoriense and the Botanical Gardens, Heyne's collaborators, the 'Nuttige planten', translations of it, PROSEA as successor, eponymy.

Mr. A. IBRAHIM (SING) attended the 1994 Herbarium Technique Diploma Course at K.

Mr. A. KALAT (BRUN) is staying for a year at K working on the Brunei Checklist Project and training in general herbarium management.

Ms. T. KHALKAUSAR T.F. (KEP) has resigned from the Tree Flora of Sabah and Sarawak Project.

Mr. K. M. KOCHUMMEN (KEP) who is finalizing the manuscripts of *Burseraceae* and *Celastraceae* for the Tree Flora of Sabah & Sarawak Project, was Liaison Officer for the project at K for the period between 10 May to 9 July 1993. He also visited L and FL.

KOSTERMANS, ANDRÉ JOSEPH GUILLAUME HENRI (AHMAD JAHJA GOH HARTONO), Purworejo, Java, 1 July 1907 – Bogor, 10 July 1994.

M. JACOBS, Kostermans seventy-five. *Reinwardtia* 10 (1982) 9–20, portr.

Just as this issue went to press, the sad news reached Leiden that one of the great figures of Malesian botany had passed away, just after he had turned 88. Dr. M. Jacobs 12 years ago published a biography, mainly based on tape recordings that Doc and he had made together, in which the more salient details of Doc's life have been set out. Many more details are in the typed-out transcription at L.

The time allotted me now is insufficient to outline the many activities Doc continued to undertake, hampered by various ailments, but continuing undauntedly. In one of his last letters he said that he had just returned from hospital to be treated for a broken femur: he could choose between either a very painful and risky operation or a wheel chair. Of course he opted for the first and was learning to walk again. The worst thing was that his eye sight was beginning to fail him. So he decided to clean out his office and stay at home. After all, he still had his *Cinnamomum* revision to finish, to put the last hand at a revision of *Nothophoebe*, the 'alir' *Mangifera* species mentioned by Rumphius to redescribe (new!), and various other odd jobs to do before he really could retire.

It seems right to mention again that in 1990 for his long-established personal merits he was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Oranje-Nassau, a very high Dutch distinction [*Fl. Mal. Bull.* 10 (1991) 325].

In the Library of L an almost complete collection of papers dealing with *Lauraceae* has been deposited for use of future workers. There is also a manuscript version of the *Lauraceae* of Thailand, and an advanced manuscript and plates for the remainder of his *Cinnamomum* revision. His correspondence of over 10,000 letters will also be stored in The Netherlands.

In BO he has created a databank on useful plants of Asia encompassing 70,000 complete papers stored in 51 metal cupboards, a hoard of information.

He was buried at the small Cemetery of the Kebun Raya, next to Kuhl and Van Hasselt, other famous explorers of Indonesian nature.

Mr. J. KULIP (SAN) is spending a full year (September 1993–September 1994) at Reading for a M.Sc. in Pure and Applied Plant and Fungal Taxonomy under the guidance of Dr. R. E. LONGTON.

Dr. A. M. LATIFF (UKMB) spent 2 months at K and L from May 1, 1994, as Liaison Officer for the Tree Flora of Sabah and Sarawak Project.

Dr. J. I. MENZIES is now in charge of the herbarium at UPNG.

Dr. F. S. P. NG has left FAO, Rome, and on 1 August 1994 has become Director of the Research Support Programme of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), POB 6596, JKPWB, Jakarta 10065. Fax: 62.251.326433

Ms. A. NOORSIHA has been appointed as Forest Botanist at KEP in August 1993.

Ms. J. T. PEREIRA (SAN) has been appointed as Junior Botanist by the Tree Flora of Sabah and Sarawak Project.

Dr. J. M. POWELL (NSW), known for her work in the *Epacridaceae*, in December 1993 began a three-year secondment to the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust.

Dr. L. VAN DER PIJL (1903–1990).

B. J. D. MEEUSE, A fond farewell to Leendert van der Pijl – a role-model who is hard to emulate. *Compost* 8 (1994) 1–8, illus., portr., bibliogr.

Ms. J. REILLY (formerly TCD) was joint recipient of the prestigious BP Conservation Expedition Award for her work in Way Kambas National Park, Sumatra. She hopes to continue her work there at a later time.

Mr. L. G. SAW (FRIM) continues his studies for a Ph.D. at Reading.

Dr. R. SCOTLAND (OXF) has been awarded a Royal Society Research fellowship to monograph *Strobilanthes*. As many species flower only every 3 or 5 or 12 years, more data are urgently needed! If anyone is aware of a species coming in flower, please immediately warn him: phone (0)865-275059, fax (0)865-275074, or write to Dept. of Plant Sciences, University of Oxford, South Parks Rd, Oxford OX1 3RB, Great Britain.

MR. F. SEIDENSCHWARZ (CEBU) is now employed by the German Development Service conducting a natural resources conservation program in the Visayasa region. He is making a survey of the indigenous tree flora, including seed collecting and preservation planting. He could employ two apprentices from Germany and is willing to accommodate interested botanists and foresters in the future. He can offer taxonomic training. Those

interested should contact him at Herbarium, Department of Research and Faculty Development, University of San Carlos, Cebu City 6000, Cebu, The Philippines, fax +63-32-53635.

SLEUMER, HERMAN OTTO. Saarbrcken, 21 February, 1906 – Leiden, 2 October, 1993.

C. G. G. J. VAN STEENIS, Dr. Hermann Otto Sleumer retired. *Blumea* 19 (1971) 198–210, portr, bibliogr; *Fl. Mal. Bull.* 11 (1994) 214; P. BAAS, *Taxon* 43 (1994) 332; W. J. J. O. DE WILDE & P. BAAS, In memoriam H. O. Sleumer (1906–1993). *Blumea* 38 (1994) 241–245, portr, eponymy; C. J. W. Lut, *ibid.*: 244–245: additions to bibliogr.

Our dear colleague Dr. Sleumer has passed away and with him one of the last of the old German school. He was an example of how it is impossible to learn taxonomy solely from books. From his vast experience and prodigious memory he was for many years a beacon and bollard to his younger colleagues and students, larding his knowledge with entertaining jokes and gossip. Although his last studies were completions of work he had started when in Berlin in the '30s, he was also one of the few I know who after having revised a group closed that door and refused to open it again, tempting as it might be. Several of the new taxa in *Ericaceae* that I published were due to this: "If you think they are undescribed, you go ahead. It's been so long ago that I have to use my own keys and descriptions and I just don't have the time for this", he would say, "only just don't name them after me!", he would add. When he turned 80, he said enough was enough, and even the vigorous prodding by Van Steenis (who, as is known, could be very forceful) did not make him change his mind. Like an old soldier he then faded away, coming in less and less frequently for his mail and the chat of which he had always been so fond.

Dr. E. SOEPADMO (FRIM), co-ordinator of the Tree Flora of Sabah and Sarawak Project can be reached in many ways: telephone +60-3-6342633 - ext. 27, telex FRIM-MA-27007, fax +60-3-6367753, E-mail [salleh@frim.my](mailto:salleh@frim.my).

STONE, BENJAMIN CLEMENS. 26 July 1933, Shanghai – 19 March 1994, Manila.

J. CUNNINGHAM, Benjamin C. Stone, 1933–1994, leaves a botanical legacy. *Philip. Fl. Newsl.* 6 (1994) 1–2, portr; S. H. SOHMER, Dr. Benjamin Clemens Stone. *ASPT Newsl.* 8/2 (1994) 18–19.

The following also appeared in *Iridos*, Spring 1994, ill.:

It was my sad and regrettable duty as Director to call Staff and Board Members on 19 March, after I had learned that our Senior Research Botanist, Principal Investigator of the Philippine Plant Inventory, Story-Teller Extra-ordinaire, jazz flautist, devoted model airplane builder, kind, wonderful and decent human being, whose knowledge of the plants of the Malesian area was unsurpassed, had died in the Philippines around 2:00 p.m. Manila time. He had been at the Herbarium at the National Museum, where he had spent so much time over the past several years collaborating with our Philippine colleagues on the Flora of the Philippines Project, to work on some material from one of the recent field trips of the Philippine Plant Inventory Project. A security guard and one of the Project staff members who had come in to take some plant presses off the driers could not revive him after he had collapsed of a heart attack. So ended a career that began in Shanghai, China, and had brought him to Forth Worth, Texas, where he was beginning to send down deep roots into the North Central Texas soil.

His Philippine friends, colleagues, and co-workers, under the sensitive leadership of Dr. Domingo Madulid, our long-standing colleague and co-worker at the National Museum paid long and emotional tribute to Ben culminating with a memorial service on Wednesday,

23d March. Ben was held in high esteem and honour in the Philippines, as everywhere he had been, due to his knowledge, his humaneness, and his generous spirit. A memorial service was held for him on 6 April at BRIT in Forth Worth after his ashes returned to us.

Ben's inspired scholarship and untiring dedication contributed greatly to BRIT's and the Philippine National Museum's success in completing the first part of the Philippine Plant Inventory and in commencing the second part of this Project, which was the reason he had specifically returned to the Philippines this time. From a personal standpoint, I had never met anyone who had less interest in material possessions and trappings, or who had as high a degree of scientific knowledge, moral integrity, and intellectual curiosity. He was a delightful mixture of wisdom and innocence that defied description. He could launch into an in-depth discussion of some of the jazz greats of this century. He had an extensive collection of classical jazz and other tapes and records, and I will never forget sitting in the living room of his apartment in Kuala Lumpur in 1973 listening to all of the recordings of vintage Tom Lehrer.

Ben was admired and respected beyond his unsurpassable knowledge of plants of South-east Asia. He was a thoughtful, conscientious, and caring individual. Perhaps one of his most endearing traits was an eagerness to impart his knowledge of botany to others. He mentored hundreds of students, officially and unofficially. He was definitely one of the world's foremost experts on the flora of the Malesian region. He was also highly respected for his knowledge of the floras of Polynesia and Micronesia.

Ben was born in Shanghai, China, on 26 July, 1933. He was an only child. His father was English and worked for the Civil authorities in Shanghai. Sensing the coming troubles, his mother took Ben to live in the San Diego area, where she had family, before the outbreak of war. His father was interned in a camp in Japan for most of the war. The family was not reunited until the war was over.

Ben got his primary and secondary education in the San Diego area, and then received his B. A. in Botany from Pomona College, Claremont, California, in 1954. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii in 1960. His major professor was Dr. Harold St. John, a fixture in Hawaiian botany from 1926 to 1991, when he passed away at the age of 99. Ben's career path then took him to Washington (D.C.), where he was Research Assistant in the Department of Botany at the U.S. National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian from 1960–1961. From there he went to Guam where he was Professor of Biology at the College (now University) of Guam from 1961–1965. It was during this period that he wrote the Flora of Guam single-handedly, and created *Micronesica*, the Journal of the University of Guam.

In 1965 he accepted a position at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in large part because he wished to master the flora of the Malesian region, having gotten a very good grip on the Polynesian and Micronesian floras. He served the University of Malaya until 1984 when he returned to the U.S. to take up the Chairmanship of the Department of Botany of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, a position he held until 1990 when he joined the Flora of the Philippines Project as the Principal Investigator for the Philippine Plant Inventory at my urging. The project was located at the Bishop Museum at that time, but moved to Fort Worth when I relocated to BRIT in 1993. He gladly joined our staff as Senior Research Botanist, a position here that will hopefully always bear the imprint of his moral, intellectual, and scientific integrity.

Ben was the author or editor of 300 articles and books. He was a specialist in three difficult tropical families: *Myrsinaceae*, *Pandanaceae*, and *Rutaceae*. He wrote or co-authored

numerous papers on these and his reputation as a pandan worker was unsurpassed. Scores of students were enticed into botany as a result of his mentoring, and he developed a substantial understanding about the culture and customs of the region.

Ben regarded the Philippine Plant Inventory Project as being of enormous significance. He recently said that "we can potentially identify trends that are no doubt occurring in many of the earth's tropical regions, such as irreversible soil changes, loss of forest-dependent species, and more cyclical changes in temperature and humidity." Further, he said that "knowledge of these trends will aid in efforts to conserve our remaining global biodiversity and to link habitat destruction more closely to that on species losses of fauna and flora. Our work in the Philippines, along with our Philippine colleagues has begun to provide for evidence that over 50% of the endemic forest flora of the Philippines may already have become extinct."

He is survived by his wife, Michiko, a daughter, Sylvia, and a son, David. S.H. Sohmer.

Eponymy:

1. *Pandanus* sect. *Stonedendron* Huynh, Bot. Jahrb. 97 (1976) 91 (*Pandanaceae*).
2. *Arthrophyllum stonei* A.L. Lim, Mal. For. 43 (1980) 263 (*Araliaceae*).
3. *Pterisanthes stonei* Latiff, Fed. Mus. J. n. s. 27 (1982) 51 (*Vitaceae*).

WALLICH, NATHANIEL (1786–1854)

K. THOTHATHRI & R. K. BASAK, Nathaniel Wallich (1786–1854) and his contributions to the botany of India and neighbouring countries, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 31 (1992, '1989') 1–27, portr, travels, bibliography; important remarks on typification based on Wallich collections, e.g. the Catalogue: they may represent different taxa in different herbaria!

Dr. K. M. WONG (SAN) will spend 3 months at K from 1 August 1994.