

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Please notify the Editor of the FMBulletin of any change in address which he will be glad to communicate here if of interest to the readers.

Ms. J. J. A f r i a s t i n i (BO) will spend half a year at the Rijksherbarium to study herbarium technique.

Dr. M. M. J. v a n B a l g o o y (L) visited Bogor in January and February for discussions on the Dutch-Indonesian Cultural Treaty. A preliminary agreement has been signed between the Rijksherbarium and the LBN which will ensure a better cooperation between these two institutes. On the way he visited Malaysia and met a number of leading taxonomists.

Both in Malaysia and Indonesia the thought of a workshop dealing with Malesian plant systematic research was met with approval. Participants from Thailand, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea ought then to be present, too. One of the subjects should be how to make the teaching of taxonomy at the universities more attractive to the students. Their decreasing interest seems especially due to the fact that the teachers themselves have little personal experience with the subject and classes consist often of a mere recital of family characters. Future plans for expeditions in Indonesia for the next two years were discussed with apparent positive results (see the pertinent chapter). A short trip was made to the Lengkong Forest Reserve where a number of rare species were observed.

Dr. U. C. B h a t t a c h a r y y a has succeeded Dr. R. R a g h a - v e n d r a R a o as Deputy Director of CAL.

Dr. B. J. C o n n, formerly of Lae and Adelaide, already in August 1982 joined the staff of the Melbourne Herbarium (MEL).

Dr. J. D r a n s f i e l d and his wife, Dr. S. D r a n s f i e l d - S u n a r k o (K) paid a visit to China to look at palms and bamboos. The first intends to join the Hillebrand Botanical Expedition to Palawan, 1984, (q.v.) for one month.

Prof. Dr. J. N. E l o f f has been appointed Director of the Botanical Garden of Kirstenbosch, South Africa.

Dr. D. F o r e m a n has joined the staff of the Melbourne Herbarium.

Mr. M. G a l o r e (LAE) now can be corresponded with c/o Anglican Mission, Post Office, Dogura, via Alotau, Papua New Guinea. If anyone would like to have botanical material from that area he should not hesitate to write. Michael will try to help him.

Mr. G. G. H a m b a l i has resigned from the Herbarium Bogoriense (BO) and is now lecturer at the Bogor Agricultural University (IPB).

Ms. Dr. E. B. H i d a y a t (ITB) will work on the anatomy of Arenga and Salacca in Leiden under the guidance of Dr. W. A. v a n H e e l for three months from May 1984.

Dr. M. H o t t a (TI) visited Bogor in August. He identified the plants from Padang, Sumatra, on which he is making detailed ecological observations.

Dr. J. H. H u n z i k e r has been appointed Acting Director of the Instituto de Botánica Darwinion, San Isidro (SI).

Dr. F. M. J a r r e t t (K) retired on November 30th, 1983, unfortunately on account of ill health. We wish her all the best for the future at Cambridge.

Dr. B. J o n s e l l (SBT) has been appointed Professor Bergianus on September 1st, 1983, and is now Director of the Hortus Botanicus Bergianus, Stockholm. He spent a week in March in Leiden to start his revision of the Cruciferae for the Flora Malesiana.

Ms. T. K a l i m a, a graduate of the Gajah Mada University, has joined the botany section of the Forest Research Institute, Bogor (BZF), to work on the Tree Flora of Indonesia.

Mr. W. K i s w a r a, National Institute of Oceanology, Jakarta, will study the mangroves and seagrasses during the coming Snellius II Expedition. He spent some time in L during April 1984 for his studies.

Mr. F. L a m b e r t who has a NERC-NATO award to study the ecology of frugivorous birds in Malaysian rain forest under Dr. A. M a r s h a l l's supervision left for Malaysia in early January. There he will be stationed at Universiti Malaya under the direction of Dr. D. W e l l s.

Dr. A. L a t i f f (UKMB) has finished his chairmanship of the Department of Botany and was happy to resume his revisional work on Vitaceae. He intends to come to Europe as soon as possible to study additional material and literature.

Dr. G. J. L e a c h (UPNG) spent his holidays in the spring of 1984 touring various large herbaria (BM, HBG, K, L) in the world in order to obtain the last but not least information needed for a forthcoming book together with Dr. P. L. O s b o r n e on freshwater aquatic plants of Papua New Guinea.

Prof. Dr. J.-F. L e r o y, director of the Laboratoire de Phanérogamie of Paris (P) retired on October 1st, 1983. He will pursue his research at the Institute.

Mr. J. F. Maxwell (SING) has been transferred to the maintenance section of the Parks & Recreation Department. His thorough and much appreciated studies in the Malesian Melastomataceae seem thereby to have been abruptly terminated, hopefully only for the time being.

Dr. J. McNeill (formerly of BRI and DAO) has moved to the Department of Biology, University of Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5, Canada.

Dr. W. Meijer (KY) has been promoted to full professor.

Dr. I. Nielsen (AAU) has taken over a permanent position in charge of the greenhouses and experimental field work at the Botanical Institute at Aarhus.

Dr. R. Raghavendra Rao has been Deputy Director of CAL for the past two years. After May 1st, 1984, he has taken over charge of the Northern Circle of the Botanical Survey of India (BSD), 3 Laxmi Road, Dehra Dun. His successor at CAL will be Dr. U. C. Bhattacharya.

Prof. Dr. B. Rycecroft, Director of the Botanical Garden, Kirstenbosch, South Africa, retired and was succeeded by Dr. J. N. Eloff.

Mr. S. Sulei (ABD/UPNG) has been awarded a NERC Studentship for a new project on 'The recovery of tropical forest following disturbance'. There are now three studentships associated with the 'Aberdeen rain forest project'.

Mr. Drs. K. Sidiyasa has joined the Botany section of the Forest Research Institute, Bogor (BZF), to work on the Tree Flora of Indonesia.

Dr. T. Smitinand (BKF) visited Kyoto, Shizuoka, Matsumoto, Tokyo and Nikko, Japan, in September and October. He identified many of the Thai specimens collected by Japanese botanists in recent years.

Dr. P. F. Stevens (A) has been appointed Professor of Biology and Curator of the Gray Herbarium and Arnold Arboretum.

Dr. B. C. Stone (KLU) has been appointed to the post of Senior Curator and Chairman of the Department of Botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (PH) in the spring of 1984. He intends to set up a program for botanical research in Malaysia in cooperation with the various institutes there.

Dr. N. M. Tammin (UKMB) is spending her sabbatical year at Oxford, England. She is working on the rhizosphere of forest plants. She visited Leiden in April 1984.

Dr. I. G. M. Tantara (BZF) has been transferred to Bali to become head of the Provincial Forest Service there.

Ms. Drs. G. A. van Uffelen (L) has been awarded the Professor H.J. Lam Medal, 1983, for her work on the spores of the fern genus *Pyrrosia*. It seemed a good coincidence to present it to her on the same occasion, January 23rd, 1984, as the official presentation of Dr. M.

J a c o b s' biography of our late Director, Professor H.J. Lam (see also under Reviews).

Mr. E. B. W a l u j o (BO) left Bogor in October to study ethnobotany in France.

Ms. M. W a r d a n i has joined the Botany section of the Forest Research Institute, Bogor (BZF), to work on the Tree Flora of Indonesia.

Dr. G. W e i m a r c k (LD) was appointed Director of the Botanic Garden of Göteborg and Professor of Systematic Botany at the University.

Mr. P. C. v a n W e l z e n (L), winner of the Lam Medal, 1981, has been given a Ph.D. fellowship for the duration of 3 years. Unfortunately he was drafted into the Dutch Army as soon as he had obtained his M.Sc. (with honours).

Dr. T. C. W h i t m o r e (FHO) was in Bogor in August and September under an 'umbrella' project that aims to upgrade professional quality in agricultural and forestry research. He worked especially in the Forest Research Institute with Dr. T a n t r a and others. On the preliminary planning an article is included in this issue.

Ms. E. W i d j a j a (BO) will go to Birmingham to obtain a Ph.D. on the taxonomy and anatomy of bamboos.

Mr. H. W i r i a d i n a t a (BO) went to Copenhagen in September, 1983, for at least 9 months' study in the Leguminosae (Mucuna).