

II. OBITUARIES AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES  
(continued from p. 1776)

B a n k s, Sir Joseph

W.T.Stearn, A Royal Society appointment with Venus in 1769:  
The voyage of Cook and Banks in the Endeavour in 1768-1771  
and its botanical results. Not. & Rec. R. Soc. Lond. 24  
(1969) 64-90, 4 fig., 1 map. - A very readable account of  
Cook's voyage with the Endeavour with plants accounted for.

B e n o i s t, Raymond (1881-1970)

J.Léandri, *Adansonia* 10 (1970) 171-181, portr., bibliogr. - Profuse writer on various families of the tropical floras, mainly Guyana, Africa, and Madagascar, with some from Indochina and New Caledonia. Specialist on Acanthaceae. His bibliography runs from 1907-1968.

E r n s t, Alfred (1875-1968)

F.Knoll, *alm.Österr.Akad.Wiss.* 119 (1970) 337-342.  
H.J.Schaeppi, Alfred Ernst 1875-1968. *Verh. Schweiz. Naturf. Ges.* (1969) 267-268.

F o r s t e r, G. & J.R.

P.Hiepkö, Von J.R. und G. Forster gesammelte Pflanzen im Herbar Willdenow in Berlin. *Willdenowia* 5/2 (1969) 279-294. Species listed.

M c C l u r e, F.A.

Unfortunately the well-known expert on bamboos died suddenly and unexpectedly, April 15, 1970, while working in the bamboo garden at his home in Bethesda, Maryland.

O c h s e, J.J. (5 July 1892-21 April 1970)

Author of the well-known books on Fruit and Fruit Culture in the Netherlands Indies, and Indian Vegetables, both in collaboration with R.C.Bakhuizen van den Brink. This old-timer originally joined the Neth. Indies Forest Service in 1912, but in the next year was attached to the Service of Cultures of the Department of Agriculture, from 1915-1938 the Horticulture Division, of which he became the Head. Obituary by his son-in-law, Dr. M.J.Dijkman, *Bull.Fairchild Trop.Gard.* (July 1970) pp. (6)-(12).

O y e, Paul van (1886-1969)

The well-known Belgian hydrobiologist, who was in Java in Treub's time, died 11 Oct. 1969.

F.Evens, In memory of Prof.Dr. P.van Oye (1886-1969). *Hydrobiologia* 35 (1970) iii-xxvii, portr.

J.Gillis & M.de Ridder, *Biol.Jaarboek Dodonaea* 38 (1970) 7-38 (in Dutch), portr., bibliogr.

K.F.Vaas, *Vakbl.Biol.* 50 (1970) 66-67.

S a n t a p a u, Hermenegild (1903-1970)

P.V.Bole, *Taxon* 19 (1970) 576-583, bibliogr. - Father Santapau expired on the night of 12/13 Jan. 1970 at 12.45 a.m. on account of a bronchial ailment that could not be controlled in spite of best efforts. He bore his illness with exemplary patience, as could be expected from such a great man, great in character and in achievement. India suffers a severe loss of an excellent devoted botanist, educationist and organiser.

S c h i f f n e r, Victor (10 Aug. 1862-1 Dec. 1944)  
It is rather remarkable that no obituary seems to exist of this famous, versatile botanist. It may be partly due to the fact that he died during the chaotic days near the end of the second world war, after a short illness, in the age of 83 in Baden near Vienna; he has been buried in the Wiener Zentralfriedhof. Another reason might be that during the last decade of his long life he had more or less abandoned botanical study and dedicated his attention to philosophy and theoretical physics and biology, on which he published several papers. Prof. Rechinger, whom we owe kind information, put our attention to a brief survey of Schiffner's work by O. Zekert in *Scientia Pharmaceutica*, May 1942, on the occasion of Schiffner's 80th birthday and 55th doctor's anniversary, an addition in the *Annales Bryologici* volume 6 which was dedicated to him in 1933 for his 75th birthday, and to the entry in *Flora Malesiana* volume 1. In Malesia Schiffner engaged himself with Hepatics for the *Flore de Buitenzorg*. In addition he collected also Phanerogams (*Fl. Mal.* I, 467-468). His cryptogamic herbarium has been sold to and incorporated in the Farlow Herbarium, Harvard. Later acquisitions were sold to the Bot. Museum, Berlin-Dahlem. The complete series of his Brazilian hepatics is in the *Naturhist. Hofmuseum*, Vienna, where there are also odd sets of his *Hepaticae Europae Exsiccatae*.

S m i t h, Lindsay Stuart (1917-1970)  
Australian, and especially Queensland, botany suffered an extraordinary, quite unexpected loss, by the sudden death of Lindsay Smith under tragic circumstances. He died in harness, obviously struck by a heart attack, during an exploration of Mt Barney, 60 miles southwest of Brisbane, a rugged spur of the McPherson Range, on Sept. 12. Mrs. Smith was his sole companion and was fortunately found the next morning by some mountaineers. Lindsay was, besides being a most amiable man, a high-grade botanist, particularly absorbed in the intriguing treasures of the Queensland rain-forest, following in the steps of White and Francis. His concise publications are very valuable indeed, but reflected only a fraction of his very wide knowledge and experience. Many more problems were solved by him but thought to be not ripe for publication, because of his meticulous care not to give in print data which were not completely rounded off. Unfortunately during the last years he was charged with the pursuit of various applied subjects by the Queensland Primary Industries Department. It is regretted that such tasks were given to a senior botanist of such promise who could have achieved advanced studies for the progress of botany of Queensland. Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Smith and the only son left to her.

V a n o v e r b e r g h, M.

E. Quisumbing, Contributions of Morice Vanoverbergh CICM to the study of Philippine plants. Acta Manilana 4 (1969) 25-51. - Brief biography; principally a list of all new genera (1) and species discovered by Vanoverbergh, and those not earlier reported.

V o o g d, Cornelis Nicolaas Abraham d e (1895-1970) cf. Flora Malesiana I, 1 (1950) 548-549. - Died May 10, 1970 at Wassenaar, Holland.

Kees de Voogd, whom I had the privilege to reckon among our dear personal friends, passed away rather unexpectedly, in the same spirit in which he had always lived, enjoying a joke until his last hours. A most enjoyable personality for everybody who came within the radius of friendliness he emitted throughout his life and under all circumstances, a man who always looked at the sunny side of life, who found life a feast indeed. Disinterested help he gave freely to everybody, worthwhile or less so, giving was a second nature to him. Thereby deeply religious and possessing a deep admiration of Nature, especially of tropical nature, he displayed also a keen interest in plants in a floristic and vegetational way, their interaction with environment and with man and beast. Especially when he worked as a forest officer in the Lesser Sunda Islands we had a lively correspondence; I remember his enthusiasm being capable to unearth in the hot tangles of the monsoon forest two podagric Cucurbitaceae, after I had explained to him that if such drought-adapted plants occurred in Malesia, which is so poor in fleshy xerophytes, they should occur in the Lesser Sunda Islands, probably Timor where he found them indeed. As I said, he had an extremely keen eye for spotting interesting plants and several of his collections still wait for being named. I have still an apparently new thorny *Desmodium* collected by him, closely allied to an Australian species! I encouraged him to look especially for smallish herbs which so easily escape attention and he harvested *Polycarpaea*, *Thesium*, *Thysanotus*, etc. Such botanical collecting was not so popular under the rather rigid regime of the former Forest Service, whose officers were supposed to look at trees only, preferably over 10 m high and 40 cm thick. To their personal satisfaction and interest Steup and De Voogd were exceptions and did not share this narrow-minded viewpoint. During their many inspection tours forest officers frequently come in places unvisited by botanists and can easily pick some herbs and make themselves useful for botany. I am glad that I also stimulated him to write in his lively, dry-humorous way on the vegetation of the Lesser Sunda Islands, for which we identified his collections as far as possible. They represent probably the best general view of this fascinating drought

area of South Malesia. He illustrated this with fine photographs made with a Brownie, a simple and cheap camera but priceless in his able hands. After the war Kees was attached to the Nature Conservancy in Holland in which he could well find himself at home, nature conservancy having had his interest throughout his life. By his ability to win sympathy by his disinterested friendliness he was well-fitted to attain compromises which are for nature conservancy in Europe the only way to achieve something to the good. Kees is kept in dear memory by his many friends, for his intimi as the man with the golden heart. Our sympathy goes to Hannie and his children, his very happy family who have to carry on and do such with courage and faith.

W o e r d e n, Corneille Léon Lambert Henri v a n (1903-1970)

cf. Flora Malesiana I, 1 (1950) 583a. - Died Aug. 3, 1970, at Groenekan, Holland. Former Curator of the Mountain Garden at Tjibodas, later Curator of the Botanic Garden at Bogor, 1927-1952.

Kees van Woerden, who was properly a horticulturist, acquired in the Mountain Garden of Tjibodas a rather thorough form-knowledge of the native flora of Mt Gedeh-Pangrango. And this was a very great help when he had to guide and assist scientists making research in this garden which was in pre-war time well equipped with a laboratory, a local herbarium and a library. Many old-timers among foreign botanists will remember the rather primitive guest-house and the extremely nice way in which they were entertained by Kees and Miep, his wife. We will all kindly remember his unambitious, kind personality, always ready to assist when this was needed. He lived true to his religion and this helped him to overcome certain difficult periods in his life, first before the war when he was for several years unemployed due to the 1930-1934 slump, and also after the war, when he had to seek employment in Holland when he was pensioned from the Indonesian Service. During the past decade he was curator of the experimental garden at Utrecht, of the Institute of Genetics, to his great satisfaction.