#### VII. MISCELLANEOUS

(Obituaries, personal news, etc. — continued from vol. 12, page 358)

CONSTANCE, LINCOLN (Eugene, OR, USA, 16 February 1909 — Berkeley, CA, USA, 11 June 2001)

Foremost expert on Umbelliferae/Apiaceae systematics. His long and distinguished career began as a graduate student with Willis Linn Jepson in the 1930s. He was Curator of Seed Plants in the University Herbarium (UC) beginning in the 1940s, Chair of the Department of Botany in the early 1950s, Dean of the College of Letters and Science from the mid 1950s to the early 1960s, Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs from the early to mid 1960s, Director of UC from the early 1960s to mid 1970s and Trustee of the Jepson Herbarium (JEPS) from 1960 until his death. In addition to his numerous professional accomplishments, Lincoln was a true gentleman and an exceptionally generous colleague, mentor, and friend. We will truly miss him. A memorial service was held in September. — B.D. Mishler

#### CORNER, E.J.H.

- P.S. Ashton & M. Hadley, Corner's contribution to ecology and conservation. In: L.G. Saw et al. (2001) 5-10.
- J. Dransfield, E. J. H. Corner and his contribution to the study of palms. In: L.G. Saw et al. (2001) 11-18.
- R. Watling, John Corner's contribution to tropical mycology. In: L.G. Saw et al. (2001) 33-40.

Corner, who has been accused of collaboration with the Japanese forces occupying Singapore, has always maintained that there was a pencilled note from the English Governor, Sir Shenton Thomas, requesting the Japanese to conserve the scientific collections of the Botanic Gardens and Raffles Museum and to engage Corner for that purpose. This was done and under the Directorship of Hidezo Tanakadate. Corner and others became Civil Internees who were not interned in the Changi Camp. However, the note

was lost, and many did not believe Corner's account of it. It has now been discovered that Tanakadate has published the note in the Asahi Shinbun of 4 April 1942, so Corner is vindicated, at last. — D.J. Mabberley, Gard. Bull. Sing. 52 (2000) 1-4.

Some personal reminiscences on Corner's character and temper are given by H.S. Barlow [Malays. Nat. 54/4 (2001) 37-39].

DR. B. GRAVENDEEL (L) obtained her PhD degree cum laude. Congratulations!

HOU, DING (Hsingkan, Kiangsi, China, 11 October 1920 — \*)

P. Baas & F. Adema, Dr. Ding Hou 80 years young. Blumea 46 (2001) 201–205, biogr., bibliogr. (by C.W.J. Lut), eponymy, portr. — Omission in the biography: when I started at the Rijksherbarium, I had the fortunate opportunity to sit between him and Dr. J. Kern in the Flora Malesiana Room overlooking the Botanical Garden, and both were more than willing to assist and instruct a completely bewildered student in the intricacies of taxonomy and nomenclature. Very graciously Dr. Ding Hou is always doing his utmost to help anyone asking him to translate Chinese taxonomic texts. Thank you, Ding! Faustum felix fortunatumque sit!

### KALKMAN, C.

P. Baas, Cornelis (Kees) Kalkman (1928–1998) remembered. In: L.G. Saw et al. (2001) 1-3, portr.

# KOCHUMMEN, K.M.

K.M. Wong, KMK, profile of a Malaysian botanist. Mal. Natural. 54 (2000) 16-19, illus.

KOPONEN, TIMO JUHANI (Varkaus, Finland, 13 January 1939 — \*)

S. Piipo, *Timo Koponen 60 years*, Bryobrothera 5 (1999) 1–15, illus., biography, bibliography. The whole issue a Festschrift.

DR. A. LATIFF (UKMB) became in January 2001 Director of the Institute of Environment and Development (Lestari), Malaysia.

DR. K.A. MONK has moved to Iwokrama International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation and Development, P.O. Box 10630, 67 Bel Air, Georgetown, Guyana, South America; e-mail: kmonk@solutions2000.net or ecologymonk@hotmail.com. See also http://www.iwokrama.org

# SEIDENFADEN, GUNNAR (1908 — 9 February 2001)

Danish ambassador and orchid specialist died on 9 February 2001, two weeks before his 93rd birthday. His collections of Thai Orchids (12,000 spirit samples) has been donated to C together with his library, collections of colour slides, and line drawings from his numerous publications on orchids of Thailand, Malaysia, and Indochina.

Mr. H. Pedersen (C) will be in charge of the Seidenfaden collection. He will also coordinate the work on Orchidaceae for the Flora of Thailand. STEARN, WILLIAM THOMAS (Cambridge, UK, 16 April 1911 — Kew, 9 May 2001)

One of the most outstanding botanists of the 20th century. Author of Botanical Latin and Dictionary of Plant Names for Gardeners, and of some 470 other publications.

See The Times of London, Friday, 11 May 2001, at: http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/0,,60-200191,00.html

STONE, BENJAMIN C.

K.M. Wong, S.H. Sohmer & D.M. Madulid, *Ben Stone's scientific directions*. In: K.M. Wong et al. (2001) 1–19, photographs between p. 102–103; further notes p. 261–277: obituaries, eponymy, bibliography.

STREIMANN, HEINAR (Tartu, Estonia, December 1938 — Canberra, 29 August 2001)

Well-known scientist, specialized in New Guinea and Australian mosses and lichens. From 1961–1963 he worked as a surveyor at the Department of Forests in Bulolo, Papua New Guinea. In 1964 he joined the Bulolo Forest College, where he was put in charge of collecting and maintenance of the herbarium. In May 1971 he became botanist at the Lae Herbarium.

One day in December 1969 when exploring a steep ridge in the Bulolo valley, he slipped down the slope and in terror grasped at anything to stop himself. When safely and unhurt he managed to do so he had a very strange root-like plant in his hands, which turned out to be a new species of *Langsdorffia* (Balanophoraceae), the first collection of this hitherto American genus! (It was later discovered to occur in Madagascar as well.)

In 1974 he transferred to the Botanic Garden in Canberra and in 1993 to the Australian National Herbarium, where he built up the largest cryptogam collection of the southern hemisphere starting from a mere 14 packages at CANB. Together with Judith Curnow he produced a catalogue of moss species for Australia. An illustrated manuscript of the mosses of Norfolk Island had just been completed before his death.

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