

EDITORIAL NEWS

Flora Malesiana, Series I, Seed Plants

It was decided that starting from volume 13 the subdivision of volumes into parts will be abandoned. It has appeared that almost nowhere, not even in public libraries, the parts were bound together into the thick volumes, so there is no reason at all to maintain the subdivision. We will also take the opportunity to modernize and embellish the cover.

Volume 13 is expected to be available in September 1997. It will be quite a thick issue of 452 pages and it will contain treatments of seven families, three of which are (hemi-) parasitic. Contents will be: *Rafflesiaceae* (W. Meijer, KY), *Boraginaceae* (incl. *Pteleocarpa*, of uncertain position; H. Riedl, W), *Daphniphyllaceae* (T.-C. Huang, TAI),

Illiciaceae and *Schisandraceae* (R.M.K. Saunders, University of Hong Kong), *Loranthaceae* and *Viscaceae* (B.A. Barlow, CANB).

Volume 14 will mainly or entirely be filled with the large family *Myristicaceae* (c. 350 species; W.J.J.O. de Wilde, L). The manuscript is practically ready for the editors so it may be safely assumed that this volume will be published in 1998. Whether other families can be included depends on their size and on the time of arrival of the finished manuscripts. Expected are at least the *Caryophyllaceae* (K. Larsen), a small family in Malesia. And probably the *Caricaceae* (M. Morshidi) with its two cultivated species will be available.

And what will happen after volume 14? If we want to keep the pace of the last years (1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, ...) we must have sufficient manuscripts for volume 15 in our hands in the middle of the year 1998 — THAT IS NEXT YEAR! — at the very latest. There are a small number of still unfinished manuscripts with the editors: *Cymodoceaceae* (C. den Hartog), *Potamogetonaceae* (G. Wiegleb & C. den Hartog, still missing one monotypic genus), those two to be published together with the *Zosteraceae* (C. den Hartog) which are complete and ready. I hope that the few still lacking parts will soon arrive, so we will have all sea-grasses in one volume. And hopefully at least some of the following, earlier promised families may be available then: *Araceae* I (A. Hay coordinator), *Oleaceae* (R. Kiew), *Vitaceae* (A.M. Latiff), *Nepenthaceae* (M.H.P. Jebb), and *Rubiaceae* I (C.E. Ridsdale).

Series II. Pteridophytes

For the first time since 1991 a volume in this series can be filled and will be published. The largest family in the new volume will be *Polypodiaceae* (almost 200 species), the manuscript of which is in the hands of the editors now. Coordinating author is P.H. Hovenkamp (L) who also contributed the text for six genera. The remaining genera were written by him in collaboration with authors of earlier published revisions made within the framework of the mainly Dutch (L, U) *Polypodiaceae* Project.

Davalliaceae (H.P. Nootboom) is with c. 30 species the second largest family in the volume, the remaining families are small or monotypic: *Azollaceae* (R.M.K. Saunders), *Cheiropleuriaceae* and *Equisetaceae* (J.A. Laferrière), *Matoniaceae* (M. Kato), and *Plagiogyriaceae* (X.C. Zhang & H.P. Nootboom). Manuscripts of these smaller families have been ready for some time but could not be published by lack of a larger family to compile one issue. It will be 1998 before the volume will actually be on the market.