

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Sri V. S. A g a r w a l became Editor of Publications, CAL Herbarium.

Dr. P. S. A s h t o n of Aberdeen has taken up his duties as Director of the Arnold Arboretum, Arnold Professor of Botany and Professor of Dendrology, after some delay because it had been ascertained that while in Malaysia he had led a crimeless life. That Harvard thus strengthens its interest in the Malesian plant world is very welcome news. His MS on Dipterocarpaceae for Flora Malesiana is ready for the press except for the illustrations, which are now being prepared at Leiden.

From January to March 1978 he travelled in Malaya, Sarawak, Kalimantan and Java, to wind up the 5-year Aberdeen-Kuala Lumpur project, and to establish other contacts for research and training. He participated for ten days in the G. Mulu Expedition.

Copies of the Annual Reports of the above project can be obtained from Botany, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen AB9 2UD, U.K.

Ian B a i l l i e took his Ph.D. (at Aberdeen?) on a thesis 'Studies of soil-forest relationships in the Dipterocarp forests of Sarawak'. He works at the Polytechnic in North-London.

Dr. R. B. B o s e became Senior Curator of the Calcutta Botanic Garden.

Drs. Kåre and Brigitta B r e m e r, Botany, Lilla Frescati, Stockholm, are working on Malesian Melastomataceae, and on the flora of Ceylon besides. They are considering to do a stint of field work in western Malesia before long.

Mrs. Yvonne B r o u w e r of Queensland University briefly visited Dr. M. Jacobs at Leiden for a talk on domatia, on which she submitted an article in the present issue.

Dr. C h i a n g Kiaw Lan of Singapore, at the end of 1978, gave up the editorship of the Gardens' Bulletin. Through her efforts, the journal leapt to prominence, on account of three remarkable volumes: 29 dedicated to E.J.H. Corner, 30 dedicated to R.E. Holttum, and Supplement 1: Corner's Swamp Forest book. We gratefully remember her editorial job well-done!

As her successor as editor has been appointed Mr. Hardial S i n g h. Chairman of the 5-persons Editorial Board is Mr. Y. K. W o n g, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation of Singapore.

Mr. Peter F. C o c k b u r n, formerly of the SAN-Herbarium, completed field surveys of the East Kutai and Tg. Puting Reserves in Kalimantan. His address: 4 Ivy Cottages, Whitmans Green, Cuckfield, West Sussex, RH17 5DD, England.

Ms. D a w Tin Hlaing took a Ph.D. at Aberdeen on a thesis about seedling morphology in Gesneriaceae. She now is back to her teaching post in the Department of Botany, Arts & Science University, Rangoon, Burma.

Mr. R. G. C. D e s m o n d, Deputy Librarian of the India Office Library, known for his Dictionary of British Botanists (*page 3057*) has been elected President of the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History.

Ms. A. Regina F r e y is continuing her environmental education work in Indonesia, but from a new address: LBN Museum, Box 110, Bogor.

Professor Dr. W. G r e u t e r, known from his work on the Mediterranean flora, took office as Director of the Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum, Königin Luise-Strasse 6-8, D-1000 Berlin 33, Germany.

Dr. H. G. G u t i e r r e z is joining the National Research Council of the Philippines as Assistant Executive Director after serving the National Museum for nearly 25 years. He is leaving the Philippine National Herbarium in the care of Dr. R. M. d e l R o s a r i o.

Dr. H a C h e e O n took his Ph.D. at the University of Malaya on a thesis about reproductive biology of understorey rain forest trees. He thereupon was appointed to the new post of Curator of Reserves and Parks in Singapore.

Dr. Francis H a l l é, professor of Botany at Montpellier, France, arrived in Indonesia in 1978 for a two years' stay with BIOTROP, Box 17, Bogor, to study dipterocarps, architectural tree models, and to train students.

Mr. R. J. H e n d e r s o n took up his position as Australian Botanical Liaison Officer at Kew in August, 1978. He visited several botanical institutions in the U.S.A. en route to Kew and will make short visits to selected European herbaria during his year in Europe.

Dr. E. H e n n i p m a n of the Rijksherbarium is congratulated with receipt of the Jesse M. Greenman Award for the Best Thesis Paper in Plant Systematics Published During the Preceding Year, given on 20 June 1978 by the Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Dr. Peter H. Raven. For a review of Hennipman's thesis on *Bolbitis*, see *pages 3063-3064*.

Dr. Gilbert C. H u g h e s, Professor of Botany and Biological Oceanography, University of British Columbia, 2075 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5, Canada, has an interest in mycology, especially taxonomy, ecology and distribution of marine fungi in the Pacific Ocean, and leaf-litter Hyphomycetes of tropical forests. He has collected in Java, New Guinea, Australia, Fiji, Hawaii, and New Zealand, and would like to get in touch with others interested in this field.

Dr. M. J a c o b s attended the Eight World Forestry Congress, Jakarta, in October 1978 (see VI c: Symposia &c.), thereafter paid a botanical visit to the little-known Opa swamp in SE. Celebes. An account under Expeditions will be given next year, when the material has been studied.

On 29 September 1978 Dr. F. P. J o n k e r gave his farewell address as a professor of Utrecht University. His specialty was paleobotany; he also is the author of the Burmanniaceae in *Fl. Males. i 4: 16-26. 1948*.

Dr. K. I w a t s u k i of Kyoto visited European Herbaria in the summer of 1978, in connection with his Flora Malesiana revision of Hymenophyllaceae. Thereafter he set out for an expedition to E. Borneo.

Dr. S. K. J a i n took charge as Director of the Botanical Survey of India on 30 January 1978.

Dr. J. J o s e p h, botanist at Coimbatore (Southern Circle), took charge as Deputy Director, Shillong (Eastern Circle) on 23 February 1978.

Drs. C. K a l k m a n and W. V i n k of the Rijksherbarium made a journey to Ceylon and Malesia (see VI b: Herbaria &c).

Mr. Paul K o r e s, after 4 years in Papua New Guinea, has returned as assistant at the BISH-Herbarium, Honolulu. He is specializing in orchids.

Dr. A. J. K o s t e r m a n s, since mid-1978 temporary professor of botany, University of Sri Lanka, Peradeniya, is regularly making excursions in Ceylon, and reports many findings of new or very rare tree species, in disagreement with several recent revisions by famous botanists.

Mr. Moh. L a t i f f took his Ph.D. at Reading, England, on a thesis about anatomy, morphology and pollen of Vitaceae in Malaya (with emphasis on the wide-spread species) and taxonomy of Pterisanthes. He then took a job at Kebangsaan University, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. Domingo A. M a d u l i d of PNH is working at Reading, England, on the botany of the Malaspina Expedition, for which he was six months in Madrid. The Ph.D. thesis, in which Dr. W. T. S t e a r n is taking interest, is to be finished in 1979.

On 25 October 1978, Mme Géma M a u r y née Lechon took her Ph.D. degree at the Université Paul Sabatier de Toulouse, France. Her thesis on Dipterocarps 'from fruit to seedling' is reviewed in this issue.

From February to June 1979 she is working in French Guyana to study seedling regeneration. Thereafter, she hopes to continue work in the Dipterocarpaceae, for which she would like fresh seeds: *Écologie*, 4 Avenue du Petit Château, 91800 Brunoy, France.

Mr. Johanis P. M o g e a has been appointed deputy Keeper of the Herbarium Bogoriense.

Dr. D. P. M u k h e r j e e and Sri K. D. M u k h e r j e e were appointed systematic botanists to the Calcutta Botanic Garden.

On 8 January 1979, palynologist Jan M u l l e r of the Rijksherbarium was awarded the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa by the Municipal University of Amsterdam, with Professors A.D.J. Meeuse and Th. van der Hammen as promoters.

Born in 1921 at Rotterdam, Muller went to the Secondary School of Tropical Agriculture at Deventer, where he graduated in 1941. At the time, another part of the Zuiderzee had just been pumped dry, and a stratigraphic analysis of the peat formations was in order. Professor F. Florschütz, palynologist in charge, attracted Muller for this work. In 1947 the results were published, and Muller joined the Shell Company as a palynologist. First he was sent to Venezuela, studying Tertiary microfloras for stratigraphic purposes, in collaboration with Van der Hammen, now his co-promotor. In 1958 he was transferred to Brunel, where this was continued with an intensive study of the ancient Malesian flora from Cretaceous to recent. He had the good fortune to arrive in a period of intensive botanical and geological exploration. Collaboration with the Forest Department and Geological Survey was very valuable and resulted in several publications. With Anderson and Wilford the coastal peat swamps were explored and compared with Miocene equivalents, with Brunig the Kerangas peat deposits were studied palynologically. Ashton and Meijer introduced him to the majestic Dipterocarp forests and this made possible the recognition of fossil Dipterocarp pollen. With Wolfenden the Cretaceous deposits of West Sarawak were investigated, resulting in the discovery of the first well preserved Cretaceous microflora of Malesia. Another result of stratigraphic studies was the recognition of temperate montane pollen in the Oligo-Miocene deposits of the NW. Borneo geosyncline, indicating a montane link with the SE. Asian continent. Recent and fossil mangroves also proved to be fruitful field of research. Special attention was paid to the genus *Sonneratia*, the pollen of which was found in great abundance and variety in the Mio-Pliocene coastal sediments and promised to be of considerable stratigraphic significance. To evaluate this fossil variability it proved necessary to study in detail the recent species. This led to the discovery of interspecific hybridization in the genus. The collaboration with Van Steenis proved to be invaluable here, while Mrs. Hou-Liu joined in a study of the chromosomes. A series of papers could be devoted to this subject.

After leaving Borneo in 1964, he first spent some time on the compila-

tion of Tertiary pollen data from tropical areas in collaboration with colleagues from Northern South America and Africa. This study was published in 1968.

In 1966 he joined the staff of the Rijksherbarium and worked on the pollenmorphology of Sapindaceae, Lecythidaceae and several other taxa, continuing at the same time his interest in fossil microfloras, principally in connection with the origin and development of the Angiosperms.

Muller, who from his Zuiderzee years retains a love for bird-watching and is a keen deep water sailor, was addressed by Professor Meeuse, with whom a common interest has grown in the early development of angiosperms. He mentioned Jan's work, and remembered his remarkable presentations at congresses and symposia, modest but very precise in discussion, whose command of languages surpasses that of many a university graduate. Fellow palynologists and (paleo)botanists regularly ask for his opinion. From the many letters of recommendation received by the Faculty, it was evident that they regard Muller as one of them, and that this event should have occurred much earlier.

In his acceptance speech, the 'young doctor' commemorated how at Amsterdam palynology in the Netherlands took its start, with Miss Betje Polak's study of the peat formations in this country, which she was to continue in West Malesia. Just half a century ago she took her Ph.D. degree. Under warm applause, Muller's daughter presented Miss Polak with a bunch of flowers. Proficiat to both!

Dr. M. P. N a y a r was transferred from Poona (Western Circle) as Deputy Director of the CAL-Herbarium, on 22 August 1978.

Dr. Francis S. P. N g of KEP attended the seedling symposium at Toulouse, France in March 1978. He resigned as editor of The Malaysian Forester after the last issue of 1978. Mr. N. M a n o k a r a n, forest ecologist at KEP, will take over, while Mr. K. M. K o c h u m m e n remains in office as Business Manager of the journal.

Dr. Salleh Mohd. N u r, Director of the Forest Research Institute, Kepong, was elected President of the Malayan Nature Society for 1978-1979.

Dr. G. P a n i g r a h i became joint Director of the CAL-Herbarium on 18 July 1978.

Dr. K. G. P e a r c e joined the Botany Department, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, as a lecturer with interest in chemotaxonomy of Piper, Mangifera, and Artocarpus.

Dr. Lily M. P e r r y has now 'retired' for a second time from the Arnold Arboretum. Her address: 164 Prospect Street, Norwell, Mass. 02061, U.S.A. Her book on medicinal uses of SE. Asian plants is in the press.

Ir. P r i j o n o Hardjosentono retired as Director of the Dinas PPA, the Indonesian Conservation Service, early in 1979. During his term of office, the Service was brought to great activity, filling the whole building near the Main Gate of the Bogor Gardens where his predecessor occupied a modest corner. Large tracts of land were surveyed or already declared reserve; management reports produced. At the Forestry Congress

in Jakarta, the Service had a spectacular exhibit of 3-dimensional Mt. Baluran Park, and other eye-catchers. True, much remains to be done, and the base in the field is still weak in many places. But a decisive turn for the good was made, and I well remember Mr. Prijono's openness and cordial hospitality.

His successor is Ir. L u k i t o Darnyadi, who was in charge of the smooth, efficient organization of the Forestry Congress. With his reputation for straightforwardness, we wish him the best in this responsible job.

Mr. Roy P u l l e n has left the CANB-Herbarium for an appointment in another department as a Plant Quarantine Officer.

Ms. Jacqueline F. R e i l l y, 7 Franklands Drive, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey, KT15 1EQ, England, returned to the above address after 14 months of field work in Malaya on gingers, on a Royal Society Leverhulme Studentship. Of her work on the modifications of inflorescence in the Alpinieae she sent a 6-page progress report; she now continues working for a Ph.D. at Westfield College, London, with Kew as a base.

Dr. Pieter v a n R o y e n of BISH has been appointed Adjunct Professor of the University, Honolulu. He finished the MS of vol. 1 of The High Altitude Flora and Vegetation of New Guinea, and is polishing up the one of vol. 2.

Dr. T. S a n t i s u k of Bangkok worked in Kyoto, Japan, from 1 May to 27 October 1978, on Aceraceae, Bignoniaceae, and Sonneratiaceae for the Flora of Thailand.

Dr. Tem S m i t i n a n d has been appointed Deputy Director-General of the Royal Forest Department, Bangkok. As Curator of the BKF-Herbarium he is succeeded by Mr. C. P h e n g k h l a i.

Dr. E. S o e p a d m o has been appointed full Professor of Ecology at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

At Aberdeen, Dr. Michael S w a i n e, formerly of the University of Ghana, has been appointed Senior Lecturer, in the vacancy of Dr. P.S. Ashton.

Professor M. T a m u r a of Kyoto visited Thailand in July-August 1978 to study economic plants.

Dr. K. T h o t h a t h r i became Deputy Director, Botanical Survey of India, Headquarters, Howrah, on 25 February 1978.

On 7 March 1978, E. F. d e V o g e l of the Rijksherbarium took his Ph.D. at Leiden on a thesis 'Seedlings of Dicotyledons. Structure, development, types.' This consists of the 150-page general part of his forthcoming book, supplemented by a number of sample plates and index. The thesis has a limited distribution; the book, with over 500 pages, goes under the same title amplified with the words: Description of 150 Malaysian woody plants. It is expected from the press in September 1979; contact Pudoc, Box 4, Wageningen, The Netherlands.

Dr. J. N. V o h r a from Dehra Dun (Northern Circle), joined headquarters in Calcutta as botanist for cryptogams.