

IV. STATE OF PROGRESS IN MALAYSIAN PLANT TAXONOMY

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Dr R.C. B a k h u i z e n v a n d e n B r i n k Jr, Leyden, made a provisional revision of the genus Ophiorrhiza (Rubiaceae). Onwards of 1953 he will be working on the completion of Backer's Flora of Java.

Dr M.J. B a u m a n n - B o d e n h e i m who made a big collection of plants in New Caledonia during the past two years has been temporarily appointed at the Bot.Garden Zürich for the working out of this collection.

Mr S.T. B l a k e c.s. have been working on the Brass collection of the Archbold Cape York Peninsula expedition of 1948 for the general account of the expedition; the Monocots have wholly been worked out.

Dr C.E.B. B r e m e k a m p, Utrecht, worked on some genera of Acanthaceae, e.g. Thunbergia, Staurogyne, and Acanthus, next to work on Madagascanian Psychotria

Mr John D. D w y e r, Siena College, Londonville, N.Y., is working on Caesalpiniaceae, specially the economic species of Cynometra.

Mr H. H e i n e is naming a set of the Clemens collection as represented at München; this work will serve as his thesis, spring 1953.

Mr M.R. H e n d e r s o n and Mr J. W y a t t - S m i t h are engaged in revising Malayan Calophyllum.

Mr F.N. H e p p e r joined the Kew staff in Aug. 1950, but was called up for National Service in Dec. of that year. In March 1951, Mr L.L. F o r m a n was appointed to fill Mr Hepper's place during the latter's two year absence. He started an investigation into the affinities of a small group of Anacardiaceous genera, including Spondias, Allo-spondias, and Solenocarpus, completion of which awaits the receipt of more ample material.

Longmans has undertaken to publish a book of Prof. H o l t t u m entitled "Plant Life in Malaya".

Mr C. K a l k m a n, assistant of Prof. L a m, director of the Rijksherbarium, Leiden, revised in 1952 the genus Dacryodes, and started on Santiria (Burseraceae).

Mr J.H. K e r n is finishing his revision of Malaysian Cyperus, which he accomplished mostly at the Herbarium Bogoriense, Bogor.

Dr A.J.G.H. K o s t e r m a n s made a long-range exploration in East Indonesian Borneo; in July he was accompanied by Dr W. M e i j e r on a collecting trip to Balikpapan Peak.

Mr Erwin L a n e of Gray Herbarium, Cambridge, Mass., is revising the genus Heliconia (Musaceae).

Prof. F. M a r k g r a f, München, made a trip to the Botanic Gardens of Rio de Janeiro, autumn 1952; he is contemplating to start revisional work on selected genera of Apocynaceae.

Mrs C.A. R e i n d e r s-G o u w e n t a k finished a comparative survey of the wood characters of several mangroves, in connection with the wood anatomy of Sonneratia.

Dr P. v a n R o y e n, Rijksherbarium, Leiden, revised Xyridaceae for F.M., and is now working on Malaysian Commelinaceae and the genus Planchonella (Sapotaceae) in conjunction with Prof. L a m.

Mr José Vera S a n t o s, assistant prof. of Botany, College of Liberal Arts, University of Philippines, Quezon City, has been working some time on the genera of Philippine Gramineae.

Dr B.G.L. S w a m y, Madras, has agreed to revise Chloranthaceae for the Fl. Malesiana.

By the end of 1952 Dr H.C.D. d e W i t, Leyden, had finished the MS of a revision of the genus Cassia (Leguminosae) in Malaysia. He started work on the remaining genera of Caesalpinoideae, specially Dialium, Cynometra, etc.

Mr J. W y a t t-S m i t h has studied, during his leave summer 1952, the species of Durio (Bombacaceae) of the Malay Peninsula and most species of Borneo.

Mr J.F.U. Z i e c k, Forest Officer, Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, made reconnaissance exploration of the forest of the Prafi plain, W of Manokwari; he also undertook a reconnaissance of the occurrence of some valuable timbers in the Island of Waigeou.

The Forest Service of Dutch New Guinea, director Dr Ir W.N. M i j e r s, plans to lay out a botanical garden in the vicinity of Hollandia.