

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Please notify the Editor of the FMBulletin of any change in address, which he will be glad to communicate here.

Mrs. Delia D. A d e f u i n, Museum Research Assistant, Manila, is pursuing her M.S. in Botany degree. She is currently the Secretary of the Fern Society of the Philippines. She is working on the Fern Flora of Metro Manila and is preparing the manuscript of a pictorial encyclopedia which will include descriptions of species and horticultural recommendations.

Miss Barbro A x e l i u s (S) collected and studied Xanthophytum and Lerchea (Rubiaceae) in Sarawak, Kalimantan and Sumatra, August 1982-February 1983.

Dr. Birgitta B r e m e r (S) and Dr. Kåre B r e m e r (S) visited L in May and studied Argostemma (Rubiaceae) resp. Memecylon (Melastomataceae).

Mr. P. P. K. C h a i, senior forest botanist at SAR, was awarded a Ph.D. degree at the University of Malaya, June 1982. His thesis was entitled 'Ecological Studies of Mangrove Forest in Sarawak'.

Dr. W. L. C h e w is at Bangkok for some months as Economic Affairs Officer, Environmental Co-ordinating Unit, U.N. Building, preparing a 'state of the environment' in Asia and the Pacific.

Dr. Paciente A. C o r d e r o Jr, phycologist and assistant chief of the Botany Division, Manila, has been concurrently designated as Officer-in-charge of the Cultural Properties Division. An outstanding National Young Scientist Awardee, he has recently received a Golden Eagle Award for his achievement in marine biology.

Dr. P. J. C r i b b and Mr. C. B a i l e s (K) will be visiting Sabah for six weeks from 1 April to study and collect Orchidaceae. Dr. Cribb also hopes to visit Bogor.

Mr. Dedy D a r n a e d i from BO is now temporarily in Tokyo (TI), working for his Ph.D. thesis on a group of ferns under supervision of Professor K. Iwatsuki.

Dr. Stephen P. D a r w i n (New Orleans) visited Herbarium Bogoriense in July 1982 to study Timonius (Rubiaceae).

Mr. M. G a l o r e, Assistant Director of the Botany Division, Lae retired at the end of May 1983 taking voluntary retrenchment. The management of the institute is temporarily in the capable hands of Mr. E. E. H e n t y. It is to be hoped that a successor will soon be appointed although the current attitude of the Government of Papua New Guinea, who provided no funds at all for 1983, does not seem favourable. See also page 3907.

Mr. P. S. Green, Keeper of the Herbarium at Kew, retired on 31 December 1982. He has been awarded a grant by the Australian Government to spend the next two years writing floras of Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands. Mr. G. Lucas was appointed Acting Keeper.

Savitri and Nimal Gunatilleke, both professors at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, are spending a year at A and Harvard. Their research will focus on reproductive biology and breeding systems of a number of tree species.

Prof. K. Iwatsuki, Kyoto, who had already duties at the University of Tokyo besides his main position at Kyoto, has been nominated full professor at the University of Tokyo, as of 1 April 1983. He is director of Botanical Gardens and head of the TI herbarium. His address: Botanical Gardens, University of Tokyo, 3-7-1 Hakusan, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112.

Prof. Niels Jacobsen, specialist on Cryptocoryne, formerly of the Botanical Institute, Gøthersgade, Copenhagen, is now at the Botanical Institute, Royal Vet.-Agric. University, 23 Rolighedsvej, DK-1958 Copenhagen V.

Dr. S. K. Jain, now Director of Botanical Survey of India, has been awarded the Panchanan Maheshwari Medal by the Indian Botanical Society.

Dr. Kwiton Jong, Aberdeen, was appointed U.K. Scientific Coordinator for the Royal Society Tropical Rain Forest Collaborative Research Programme.

Mr. M. Lazarides (CANB) spent almost a year at K working on Eragrostis (Gramineae). A revision for the Australian region is almost complete in manuscript.

Mr. Gordon McPherson, assistant curator MO, resides in New Caledonia, where he carries out general botanical exploration assisted by the National Science Foundation and the Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden. He is preparing the treatment of the Euphorbiaceae for the Flore de la Nouvelle Calédonie et Dépendances. Request for material or information to be directed through B.P. 2217 Nouméa, New Caledonia.

Dr. D. J. Mabberty, Oxford, is spending his sabbatical year at L, starting September 1982. He is working towards completion of the Flora Malesiana revision of Meliaceae.

Dr. J. K. Maheshwari took over the office of Director of the National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, India. Of late years, the institute has embarked upon multidisciplinary projects: ethnobiology, aerobiology, pollution-tolerant flora, etc.

Mr. J.-M. Mangen from Luxembourg visited L in November 1982 and again in April 1983 with plants from Mt Wilhelmina (= Mt Trikora) in West New Guinea.

Mr. D. M e n z i e s and Mr. D. D u P u y, Birmingham University, joined the University of Copenhagen expedition to NE. Thailand in mid-March for a 2-months period to study Orchidaceae, especially Cymbidium.

Mr. R. v a n d e r M e i j d e n, who at the Rijksherbarium divides his time between the Dutch and the Malesian flora, took his Ph.D. degree on 19 May 1982. See the review of his thesis on Xanthophyllum in Fl. Males. Bulletin nr. 35, p. 3795.

Mr. Abang Mohammad M o h t a r joined the Research Office of the Forest Department, Kuching, Sarawak, as forest botanist.

Mr. Mark N e w m a n, Aberdeen, is continuing research on cytotaxonomy and breeding systems of some tropical-Asian Zingiberaceae.

Dr. Ivan N i e l s e n has finished Mimosaceae for de Flore de la Nouvelle Calédonie and for the Flora of Thailand. He is now working on Mimosaceae for Flora Malesiana.

Dr. G. P a n i g r a h i and Dr. D. B. D e b, retired from their offices with the Botanical Survey of India, resp. joint director and deputy director. Dr. M. P. N a y a r and Dr. K. T h o t h a t h r i are now joint directors of the Botanical Survey of India. Dr. R. R. R a o joined as deputy director.

Dr. Chamlong P h e n g k l a i was appointed Director of the Forest Herbarium (BKF) at Bangkok, Thailand. He succeeded Prof. Dr. Tem S m i t i n a n d.

Dr. Filiberto S. P o l l i s c o, Director of the Forest Research Institute (FORI), Philippines, has been designated concurrently as Deputy Executive Director for Operations of the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research and Development (PCARRD) effective 15 February 1982. He is also the Director of the Forestry Research Division of PCARRD. Recently, he attended a meeting of experts on agroforestry at the East-West Center, Hawaii, wherein he presented a paper entitled 'Agroforestry Research Status and Needs in the Philippines'.

Mr. Soedarsono R i s w a n returned to BO, Indonesia, after having completed at Aberdeen his Ph.D. thesis on 'Ecological studies on primary, secondary and experimentally cleared mixed Dipterocarp forest and kerangas forest in East Kalimantan, Indonesia' (see chapter VIa, p. 3902). In Bogor he will continue to work on the ecology of Dipterocarp forests.

Mr. J. P. R o j o took his Ph.D. degree at Oxford University on a thesis entitled 'Studies in the genus Dialium (Cassieae-Caesalpinioideae)'. After this, he returned to Los Baños, Philippines.

Dr. P. v a n R o y e n, formerly at BISH, author of (i.a.) Alpine Flora of New Guinea, has left Hawaii. His address is: 715 Hansen Ave South, Salem, Oregon 97302, U.S.A.

Dr. Romualdo M. d e l R o s a r i o, Curator of the Botany Division, Manila, has been designated concurrently as the Assistant Director for Operations of the National Museum of the Philippines. He has been elected recently as the Secretary of the Biological Section, National Research Council of the Philippines and also Secretary of the newly organized 'Philippine Association of Systematic Biologists' of which Dr. Domingo A. Madulid is the elected President.

Mr. Simon S a u l e i, lecturer in plant ecology at the University of Papua New Guinea, started a Ph.D. study (University of Aberdeen) on the regrowth of tropical forest after disturbance.

Dr. S. H. S o h m e r (BISH) spent six weeks at L working on Papuanian Psychotria (Rubiaceae). He will extend the work to include the entire Malesian region.

Dr. C. H. S t i r t o n has been appointed for five years at Kew by a fund, established by Dr. B.A. Krukoff, to initiate an account of the Leguminosae-Papilionoideae for the Flora Neotropica. He will start with a worldwide revision of the diverse and highly complicated genera of the 'most primitive' tribe Sophoreae. His study will deal with reproduction biology, anatomy, biochemistry, and cytology besides herbarium study. He specially requires samples of fruits and seeds, preferably of 250 grams, of the following (S)E. Asiatic genera: Airyantha (Baphia), Bowringia, Calpurnia, Dalhousiea, Ormosia, Pericopsis, and Sophora (s.l.). Address: The Herbarium, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB, England.

Dr. Harold S t. J o h n, professor emeritus of botany at the University of Hawaii, took a 10 days, 100 miles raft trip down the Green River in Colorado and Utah, to commemorate his 90th birthday!

Mr. K. N. S u b r a m a n i a n, Senior Research Officer, Forest Research Centre, Coimbatore, India, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree for his thesis 'Floristic studies of Thenmalai area of Western Ghats, Quilon District, Kerala State' by the University of Calicut in January 1983. He is developing a botanical garden, particularly with a view to have ex-situ conservation of endangered, threatened and rare species, and also to have a live collection of forest species for the benefit of forestry trainees, University and school students and other research workers. He seeks co-operation and help from similar institutions for herbarium and live specimens on exchange basis.

Dr. D. D. T i r v e n g a d u m took his Ph.D. degree at Aarhus on a thesis on the tribe Gardenieae (Rubiaceae) in S. & SE. Asia in September 1982. Part of the thesis is in print in Nordic J. Bot. He visited L in December 1982. He was previously Director of the Mauritius Institute and is now holding the position of Maître-Assistant Associé at P.

Mrs. Reynalda V a r i l l a, Museum Research Assistant, Manila has established a collection of Philippine fruits and seeds. She can furnish information regarding the identification, description, and storage of these fruits and seeds.

Mr. Wilfredo F. V e n d i v i l, Researcher, Manila, is pursuing his M.S. degree scholarship with a grant from the National Scholarship for Development Program, Civil Service Commission. He is working on the ethnomedicinal plants of Ilocos Norte, Luzon. He is also currently finishing a Manual of Trees of metropolitan Manila.

Mr. L. V o g e l e n z a n g, Librarian at the Rijksherbarium, Leiden, and well-known by many visitors who have had occasion to use his formidable knowledge of botanical books, commemorated in November 1982 the fact that he entered Rijksherbarium service forty years ago (as a boy of 15!). In the Queen's Birthday Honours list he was made a Ridder in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau.

Mr. Harry W i r i a d i n a t a, Bogor, received a grant for further studies in Leguminosae at the Botanical Institute of the University of Aarhus. His subject is the genus *Mucuna*; he will start September 1983.