

III. PERSONAL NEWS
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Professor and Mrs Ernst A b b e spent May-August 1964 in Sarawak, making intensive collections of developing inflorescences of Fagaceae for morphological studies.

Mr N. G. B i s s e t of Kuala Lumpur visited Sabah and Sarawak from April to July 1964. On several trips he collected resin samples of Dipterocarpaceae, and leaf and bark samples of Euphorbiaceae, Rubiaceae, Simaroubaceae, Gnetum, Gleichenia, Apocynaceae, Strychnos, Icacinaceae, and others, all for phytochemical investigation.

Dr E. F. B r u n i g, formerly of the Sarawak Forest Department, is now at Hamburg working on his thesis on Kerangas vegetation, which he hopes to conclude in the next year.

Miss Chira C h e r m s i r i v a t h a n a works at the Botany School, Aberdeen, on Labiatae of Siam.

Mr P. D a r b y s h i r e changed his job as a collector with the CSIRO, Canberra, for a different one with the same organization.

Prof. Dr W. D o m k e retired as director of the Berlin-Dahlem Institute. He is succeeded by Prof. Dr E c k a r d t who remains in charge of the Institute for Systematic Botany and Plantgeography of the 'Freie Universität'. A second ordinary professor of systematic botany will be attached to the University.

Professor and Mrs H. E r d t m a n visited Sarawak in the first half of June 1964 to collect conifer woods, particularly Dacrydium.

Dr F. R. F o s b e r g is preparing a Manual for tropical Herbaria, in connection with his duties as a member of the UNESCO Visiting Committee for Tropical Herbaria.

Mr H. G u t i e r r e z completed his botanical training at the Gray Herbarium, Harvard. By Sept. 1964 he was back at the Manila Herbarium.

Miss Chumsri H a m b a n a n d a studied grasses of Siam at Aberdeen Botany School until in Sept. 1963 she returned to work in Bangkok at the Royal Forest Department.

Dr R. E. H o l t t u m, Kew, was awarded the Gold Medal of the Linnean Society for 1964. We are glad to congratulate both parties on account of this honour.

Miss Joan I m l a h worked at Aberdeen on the Acanthaceae of Thailand.

Plans are being worked out that Mr A. K a n i s of the Rijksherbarium (Ochnaceae), after taking his Ph.D. degree at Leiden, expects to spend a year in North Borneo for the completion of his training as a tropical botanist.

Prof. Kai L a r s e n, who is working on the flora of Siam, at the Pharmaceutical Highschool at Copenhagen, has been appointed Professor of Botany and Head of the Botanical Institute at the University of Aarhus, Denmark.

Mr David L e l l i n g e r has been appointed Associate Curator of Ferns at the National Herbarium, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

The late Dr R.E. Woodson has been succeeded as Director of the Missouri Herbarium and Garden by Dr Walter H. L e w i s, formerly Director at Austin State College, Texas.

Dr H. K. L i c h t e n t h a l e r, botanist of the Bio-organic chemistry group, 1557 Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A., visited Bogor in Jan. 1964 for collecting orchids, ferns, aroids, etc. on his return to Heidelberg, Germany, by way of the Far East.

Dr K. M a i r has succeeded Dr R.H.Anderson as Director of the Sydney Botanical Gardens and National Herbarium of New South Wales.

Mr Harvey A. M i l l e r of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, U.S.A., has for 10 years been working on a Manual of Hawaiian Hepaticae, now about finished. Nearly 600 names in all have been assigned to Hawaiian liverworts.

Dr Lorin I. N e v l i n g has become Supervisor of the Herbaria at Harvard University.

Mr F. S. P i n k Ng., a Science graduate from Tasmania, filled the post of Forest Botanist at Kepong towards the end of July 1964.

Mr R. M. d e l R o s a r i o completed a 2-year study in the U.S.A., where he took a M.S. degree in botany on a thesis on North American Asterella (Hepaticae). On June 24, 1964, he was back at the Manila Herbarium.

Mr R. D. R o y c e succeeded Mr Gardner as Curator of the State Herbarium of Western Australia, Department of Agriculture, at Perth.

Felicitas. Under this title an anonymous paper was published in Bull.Bot.Surv.India 5 (1963) v-xiv + portr., incl. bibliography (215 items), on the occasion of the 60th birthday of Dr H. S a n t a p a u S.J., born on Dec. 5, 1903, in Spain, now Head of the Botanical Survey of India. We are glad to add our congratulations!

Dr U. S c h w e i n f u r t h, a pupil of Dr Troll at Bonn, spent 16 months on field work in New Zealand, has returned to Dunedin to accept a position in plant geography.

Dr A. C. S m i t h, formerly of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., accepted by Nov. 25, 1963, an appointment as Director of Research at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu 96822, U.S.A. In this capacity he will be responsible for the general administration of seven organized research units occupying themselves with Geophysics, Marine studies, Biomedical research, and Statistics. In his new office he will have no obligations at the B.P.Bishop Museum, but is hoping to encourage a closer collaboration between the staff and the scientists at the University. Neither will he have any duties in the Department of Botany, although the appointment carries a professorship which may give him a base from which research can be conducted.

Mr B. E. S m y t h i e s retired as Conservator of Forests, Kuching; he was succeeded by Dr J. A. R. A n d e r - s o n.

Dr W. S o e g e n g Reksodihardjo left Harvard this summer after a 4½ years's stay, partly financed by the Ford Foundation. During that time he studied Sterculiaceae with Dr Schultes, took his Ph.D. degree on a thesis on Theobroma. He made a tour through Europe, examining Sterculias in many Herbaria, returned by way of Calcutta and Bangkok to take a post on the staff of the Bogor Herbarium, in Nov. 1964.

Prof. Dr O. S o e m a r w o t o of the Agricultural Faculty of the Gadjahmada University, Djocja, Java, has recently been appointed Head of the Lembaga Biologi Nasional, under which come the Bogor Botanic Gardens, Herbarium, and affiliated institutes. In Sept. 1964 he paid a brief visit to the Rijksherbarium.

Dr C. G. G. J. v a n S t e e n i s visited London and Kew for conference talks on Nov. 12 and 13, 1964. On the 14th he attended a discussion meeting of the Royal Society devoted to the results of Mr Corner's 1961 Kinabalu Expedition. He delivered an address on Phytogeographical relationship between Kinabalu and neighbouring countries.

Mr R. R. S t e w a r d, retired from Pakistan in 1960, is now working in the Michigan Herbarium.

Mr Chr. V e r s t e e g, of the former Forest Department at Manokwari, New Guinea, is since Oct. 1963 attached to the plant-anatomical institute of the Agricultural College at Wageningen, Netherlands.

Dr D. W a l k e r, Reader in Biogeography at the School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University (not officially connected with CSIRO) visited New Guinea in 1961 and carried out 4 months' field work in the Highlands in 1962. He has also previous experience in Malaya.

Dr E. H. W a l k e r, Takoma Park, U.S.A., was granted the American Library Association's Oberly Memorial Award for 1961, for his supplement to Merrill & Walker's Bibliography of Eastern Asiatic Botany (reviewed here on p. 839).

Dr F. W. W e n t, famous physiologist, resigned as Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden (where he developed the 'phytotron'), to become full-time professor at Washington University. Recently he accepted a professorship at Reno, conducting studies on desert plants.

On the completion of his contract, Dr T. C. W h i t m o r e left the Forest Department at Honiara, Solomons, in Oct. 1964 to spend 5 weeks at Lae on the way back to England. By the

middle of 1965 he will take up an appointment at Kepong, Malaya, under the Colombo plan.

Mr Wong Yew Kwan, returned in July 1964 from study leave in Britain, has now taken up again his work at Kepong.

Mr J. Wyatt-Smith of Kepong has accepted a post at Ibadan, Nigeria, in order to start a Forestry Department at the University, a United Nations project. We regret very much his leaving Malayan Forestry, from which both botany and forestry had so much profit.

Professor and Mrs M. S. Yakovlev from the Laboratory of Embryology, Komarov Botanical Institute, Ul. Popova 2, Leningrad P22, U.S.S.R., were for some time at Bogor for embryological research.