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Dr. E.A. Widjaja and K. Kartawinata (BO) are preparing a CD-ROM on the **Flora of Malinau** using Lucid.

Herbarium in Honiara (BSIP) — Because of the present civil unrest and deteriorating economic conditions in the capital, the Herbarium Officer, Mr. M. Kusa, has left his post. There is presently no one working regularly at the Herbarium, nor are there security guards on the premises. Fortunately, despite some signs of vandalism in the gardens out-

side, the interior offices and main storage room are still intact. The air-conditioning is still turned on, but frequent power cuts mean that ideal humidity levels within the building are no longer maintained. A new government should be in place by the end of the year, and hopefully funding will become available to carry out essential maintenance to the buildings. In the meantime, we can only hope that vandals will not enter any of the storage rooms and do damage to the precious specimens kept there.

Paul Hermann's Ceylon collections in BM are important for typification. They can be consulted on the website <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/botany/databases/hermann>

The **Indonesian Plant Taxonomy Association** had a two-yearly meeting in Malang between 13 and 14 July 2001. 120 persons attended this meeting where 39 papers and 6 posters were presented. The next meeting will be held in Solo (C Java) in 2003.

The **2nd International Annonaceae** workshop was held in IPB from 2–9 September 2001, and was attended by specialists from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Thailand, USA, and Vietnam. The papers presented will be published in the next issue of the *Annonaceae Newsletter*.

Dr. H. Wiriadinata (BO) is doing a floristic study of the **Lorelindu National Park**, Central Celebes. He is preparing a pictorial guide book of Lorelindu plants and one with "100 Charismatic Plants" of Lorelindu.

The **Philippine National Herbarium (PNH)** has a website: www.pnh.com.ph on which a discussion page for Flora Malesiana will be put.

Rimbo Panti Nature Reserve — Ms. D. Arifiani, R. Jusuf, L.S. Juswara, Purwaningsih, Rugayah, H. Rustiami, S. Sunarti, T. Triono, T. Uji, E.A. Widjaja, K.S. Yulita (BO), Hernawati, G. Indra, Nurainas, D. Putra R. Tamin, and Viktorbery (University Andalas) are preparing a Guide book to the flora with a vegetation analysis. It is expected to be published in 2002.

The SING Herbarium is Moving! — A major redevelopment of the Heritage Core of the Singapore Botanic Gardens will see a new visitor centre, food court, orchid research labs, offices, School of Horticulture, library, and the Herbarium. As this will involve knocking down the existing herbarium and library building, the entire herbarium of 650,000 specimens will have to move out for the three odd years that the project will take to complete.

The move in April 2002 transfers the Herbarium to temporary quarters in the gymnasium of the National Institute of Education that fortunately is adjacent to the Visitor Centre of the Gardens. It will take a few months to settle down, so if you are thinking of requesting for a loan, please do so by February 2002.

SING Fungal Collection Reorganized — In response to requests for the loan of fungal material, we have completely reorganized the fungal collection. This proved to be a massive undertaking as much of the collection was packed in metal boxes with the specimens still wrapped in fragile newspapers dating from the 1920s and 1930s! All these

specimens have been mounted. Still others were packed unsorted in boxes here and there in the herbarium. In reorganizing the collection we have taken the opportunity to follow the Kew system of ordering the families and genera. In the course of doing this, many types have come to light.

For further details about the collection, see the forthcoming article in *Gardenwise* Volume 18. — R. Kiew

Sixth International Solanaceae Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison (WI), USA. — Planned for July 2006, perhaps in conjunction with the American Society for Horticultural Science. The exact date will not be set until late 2001, and will then be advertised in various Botanical Society newsletters. Local arrangements chair is Dr. David M. Spooner, USDA, Afric. Research Service, University of Wisconsin, 1575 Linden Drive, Madison WI 53706-1590, USA; e-mail: dspoone@facstaff.wisc.edu

Sir Hans Sloane's Jamaican collections in BM are important for typification. They can now be consulted on the website <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/botany/databases/sloane>