

### III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Dr. J. A. R. A n d e r s o n made a botanical expedition to Bt. Tibang, the topographical centre of Borneo in mid-1969. He wrote that it was "most successful". Taking into consideration the usual reticence of British explorers, to which Dr. Anderson makes no exception, this exuberant expression points to an exceptional boon in the unravelling of Bornean botany.

Mrs. Gemma Cruz A r a n e t a has been appointed Director of the National Museum, Manila, vice Prof. Galo B. Ocampo. She was at one time the Chief Guide and Information Writer of the same office. The holder of a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Foreign Service, she has travelled extensively all over the world, observing museums particularly in Western Europe, Eastern Europe, and Southeast Asia. She has been the recipient of several awards given by the Philippine Government for public service, and from private organizations for journalism. Incidentally, she won the beauty title of "Miss International" for 1964 in Long Beach, California.

Mr. P. B a a s has been appointed as a systematical anatomist in the Rijksherbarium, Leiden, August 1969. He was a pupil and chief assistant of Prof. W.H.K. Karstens. From August 1968 till August 1969 he worked at the Jodrell Laboratory, under supervision of Dr. Metcalfe, chiefly on the systematic anatomy of Monocots. For his Ph.D. he is engaged in a study of several enigmatic genera of which we hope that their systematic anatomy may reveal something about their affinity, or at least restrict hypothesis.

Dr. J. S. B e a r d, Director of Gardens and Parks, Perth, has accepted a post as Director of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, LASCA, Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A.

Mr. C. F. v a n B e u s e k o m and Mrs. R. v a n B e u s e k o m - O s i n g a started for a 7-months tour through the East mid-September 1969; en route they stayed a fortnight in Ceylon, to proceed to Thailand where they will explore for about 5 months. Afterwards they will also stay for a month at Bogor.

Mrs. Ch. C h a i a n a n and Mrs. L. P h u p h a n a - t a p h a n g, of the staff of the Royal Forest Department, Bangkok, have received a grant of the Netherlands Ministry of Education & Sciences, to get a post-graduate training in plant taxonomy at the Rijksherbarium, Leiden, August 1969-July 1970.

Dr. C h e w W e e L e k has been appointed Acting Director of the Herbarium & Library at Singapore, 28 April 1969. This is now at least temporarily separated administratively from the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Mr. P. F. C o c k b u r n was appointed as Forest Botanist to the Forest Department Sabah 20 March 1969 on contract, succeeding Dr. W. Meijer.

Mr. Paciente A. C o r d e r o Jr, Museum Technician at the National Museum, Manila, is the recipient of a grant given by the Mombusho Scholarship Plan of the Ministry of Education of the Japanese Government, to undergo training in algology for two years at the Kagoshima University, Japan.

Prof. E. J. H. C o r n e r has been elected a corresponding member of the Botanical Society of America. He was nominated member of the Standing Committee of Botany of the Pacific Science Congress.

Dr. W. v a n H e e l, leader of the Division of Morphology at the Rijksherbarium, Leiden, was from April-August 1969 at Bogor, for collecting suitable material for morphological research, largely in the Botanic Gardens. One of the targets was to have sufficient material for studies on the development of the aril.

Prof. R. E. H o l t t u m, Kew, after having attended the International Botanic Congress at Seattle, started a world tour of herbaria in Australia (Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane), then to Lae, Bogor, Singapore, and Bangkok. He is expected to arrive in England in the second half of December 1969. His purpose is the further study of as many material of Thelypteroid ferns, both in the field, pickled, and in the herbarium, as possible.

Dr. A. K a n i s has been appointed with C.S.I.R.O., Canberra, April 1969, as successor to Dr. R.D. Hoogland, whose work he will continue, for the New Guinea section, provisionally for the coming one and a half year. En route he spent some time in Ceylon, pursuing work on Ochnaceae in conjunction with the new Flora of Ceylon.

Mr. K. M a i r, Director of the Sydney Botanic Gardens, will retire towards the end of 1969.

Mr. D. M c G i l l i v r a y is Australian liaison officer at Kew for 1969/1970. He works on Proteaceae, Grevillea and other genera, and Australian Galium.

Mr. Demetrio R. M e n d o z a, having reached the age of sixty-five, retired on 22 Febr. 1969 as the Curator of the Philippine National Herbarium. A "despedida" party was held in his honor by the employees of the National Museum, and he was given a Certificate of Appreciation for valuable services rendered to the Institution. He is now connected with the faculty of the Department of Forestry, Araneta University. Mrs. Simeona L. P a l o, Senior Museum Researcher (Herbarium Supervisor), has been appointed his successor; while Mr. Hermes G. G u t i e r r e z assumed the former's position.

Mr. D. R. M e n d o z a, Mrs. S. L. P a l o, and Mr. R. A. E s p i r i t u of the Philippine National Herbarium have been the recipients of the Meritorious Honor Award and Devotion to Duty Award given by the Philippine Government for 1968.

Mr. R. v a n d e r M e y d e n has been appointed in the Tropical Group of the Rijksherbarium as a successor to Mr. J.H. Kern, who retired January 1969.

Prof. H. A. M i l l e r, bryologist, is now in the Botany Department, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. 61801.

Dr. S. K. M u k h e r j e e has been appointed Director of the Botanical Survey of India, to succeed Father Santapau, from May 20, 1969. Dr. Mukherjee, who is 55 years old, took his M.Sc. degree at Calcutta University in 1937 and worked subsequently on the genus Mangifera (cf. Lloydia 1949). He worked in several capacities at the University of New Delhi, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, for the Government of West Bengal; he was responsible for organising the section Botany at the Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore, and the establishment of the Division of Horticulture, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. In the latter he was also responsible for organising a PL 480 scheme, for making extensive collections of wild related species of pome and stone fruits of Pyrus, Prunus, and Sor-

bus which have been established at a sub-station at Simla. He contemplates now to promote studies on the family of Anacardiaceae.

In the interim period Dr. K. S u b r a m a n y a m was Acting Director of the Botanical Survey, a rectification to what is said on p. 1679 of this Bulletin.

Dr. Christopher P a g e, of the University of Newcastle on Tyne, has a two-year fellowship and works at the University of Brisbane on the cytology of Australian ferns.

Mr. Michael P r i c e is Research Instructor in the College of Agriculture Herbarium, Los Banos Units, College, Laguna, Philippines, and is apparently working under the Curator, Dr. Juan V. Pancho. He is especially interested in ferns.

Dr. P. R. Mohana R a o is working on the microscopic structure of tropical seeds under supervision of Prof. Corner at Cambridge.

Prof. P. H. R a v e n is spending his sabbatical year at the Botany Division, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Christchurch, 1969/1970.

Mr. R. M. d e l R o s a r i o, Researcher at the National Museum, Manila, is at present pursuing his Ph.D. (bryology) at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. 61801, under Dr. H.A. Miller, Professor and Head Curator of the University Herbarium. Under the auspices of the same University he attended the XIth International Botanic Congress held in Seattle, Wash., U.S.A. He is expected to be away for three years.

Dr. S o e g e n g, Herbarium Bogoriense, is nominated Subdirector of BIOTROP, the Southeast Asia Centre of Biology.

Mr. S o w b i n T a n d a n g retired in March 1969 after 42 years service at Kepong as plant collector. He has now retired to a ladang on the slopes of Bt. Lagong behind the F.R.I. where his family has lived for generations, and whence Dr. Foxworthy recruited him just after the institute was founded. Sow has worked with all the Kepong botanists from Foxworthy onwards. Now his job is continued by a group of his sons and nephews. His name appears on many collections in the old CF = FMS = KEP series (sometimes as Soh).

Dr. P. B. T o m l i n s o n made a trip in Papua on his way to Auckland. He also hunted after Xanthorrhoea and cycads in Queensland.

Dr. T. C. W h i t m o r e spent the autumn 1968 in Cambridge working on Malayan palms, and from February to mid-April worked on Malayan Euphorbiaceae at Kew with Mr. H.K. Airy Shaw; and on the first analyses of ecological plots set up on Kolombangara, western Solomons, in 1964 and under continuing regular observation, this work was done in collaboration with Mr. Dawkins, Oxford, using the Oxford University computer. He returned to Kepong April 1969, for a second and final 3-year tour. He will spend January-February 1970 in the Solomons reviewing botanical progress since 1965.

Mr. W i r a w a n, Bogor, spent several months, with Dr. Kostermans, in Ceylon. He received a grant to study at the University of Honolulu, Hawaii.