

VIII. SYMPOSIA, CONGRESSES, SOCIETIES, MEETINGS

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Note to organizers:

Please submit your announcement to this Bulletin as early as possible! Several were received too late for interested readers to make use of. After the event please send a summary of the doings and/or the Proceedings, if any.

The Proceedings of the Conference on Forest resources crisis in the Third World, 6–8 September 1986 has appeared. See Bibliography.

First International Symposium on PROSEA, Plant Resources of South-East Asia: 22–25 May 1989, Jakarta, Indonesia. Organizers: Wageningen Agricultural University, The Netherlands and Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Indonesia.

Policy-makers and plant resources experts will be invited. To stimulate discussions the following papers and publications will be presented (amongst others) at the Symposium:

- *Country reports*: reviews of the documentation and survey work of the Country Offices of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Papua New Guinea.
- *Commodity Group Reports*: reviews of the preparatory work on certain groups of plant resources (e.g. edible fruits and nuts, rattans, bamboos, groups related to forestry).
- *Species Baselist and Commodity Grouping*: a first version of a list of species to be considered for treatment in the handbook, classified into commodity groups.
- *Selected Plant Resources*: a publication representing a cross-section of all proposed commodity groups. About 80 species will be treated in detail in order to find out whether the PROSEA set-up works satisfactorily for all commodity groups. Authors from all over the world are contributing.
- *PULSES*: a complete treatment of one commodity group, including introductory chapters. Editors are Dr. L. J. G. VAN DER MAESEN (WAG) and Dr. SADIKIN SOMAAT-MADJA (Central Research Institute for Food Crops, Bogor, Indonesia). Authors from all over the world are contributing.

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International Symposium on Ants and Plants, Oxford, U.K., 6–8 July 1989, sponsored jointly by the Zoology and the Plant Sciences Departments of the Oxford University, and the Linnean Society, London. Circulars may be obtained from Dr. C. HUXLEY, Dept. of Plant Sciences, University of Oxford, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3RA, U.K.

Flora Malesiana Symposium commemorating Professor Dr. C. G. G. J. van Steenis: 20 through 25 August, 1989, Leiden. There has been a very positive response to the First Circular. Perhaps more than 200 participants may attend and enjoy the very full and diverse scientific program. The following sessions had tentatively been scheduled when this issue went to press:

- *General issues*: Professor Van Steenis remembered; progress of the Flora Malesiana; the function of regional floras in tropical countries (see also NG, Chapter XII); vegetation and ecology of Malesia, the present state of knowledge.
- *Changing concepts of taxa*: natural taxa as individuals or natural kinds; evolved taxa versus morphotypes, theory and practise; functionality, necessity and generality against 'patio ludens' – is it really a problem?; species and monophyletic taxa as individual substantial systems – why is this a solution?
- *Biogeography of Malesia*: the domains of statistical–classical biogeography and historical biogeographical analysis compared; plate tectonics in Malesia; Wallace's Line, explanations for the exceptions.

- *Contributions from sister disciplines*: flower morphology; wood and leaf anatomy; pollen morphology; chemotaxonomy; cytology.
- *Nature conservation in Malesia*: the present situation; local examples; the role of Botanic Gardens.
- *Direct and indirect applications of floristic and taxonomic studies in Malesia*: Prosea, Tropenbos, gene pool resources, cultivated plants, etc.
- *Systematics and phylogeny of ferns*, in cooperation with the International Association of Pteridologists, hence also some non-Malesian and palaeobotanical subjects.
- *Progress reports on individual families of Malesian flowering plants*, including multidisciplinary approaches in *Sapindaceae*, *Leguminosae*, and *Oleaceae*.
- *Progress reports on local and forest floras*.

Part of the progress reports will be scheduled for a Workshop to be held afterwards, on 28 and 29 August, for current and prospective contributors to the Flora Malesiana Project. The above themes will be addressed at invited and voluntary paper sessions as well as during the Poster sessions. Poster presentation with a short oral introduction by the contributor, followed by a group discussion is encouraged by the Organizing Committee.

In addition to the extensive scientific program, there will be an excursion as well as various social activities. All lectures will be held in a modern lecture theater of the Leiden University in the center of the town. The spacious Hall and Meeting Room of the Rijksherbarium, at 5 minutes walking distance away will be the daily social meeting place for pre-dinner drinks and informal discussions. Many prospective delegates have already indicated their plans to stay a while in Leiden for consultation of the rich collections and Library before or after the Symposium.

Further details will become available later in 1988 in the Second Circular. If you have NOT reacted yet to the first one, write immediately to Dr. P. BAAS, Rijksherbarium, POB 9514, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands, to request a copy of this or the Second Circular.

5th International Congress of Ecology will be held in Yokohama, Japan, from 23–30 August 1990, under the co-sponsorship of the Japanese Ecological Society and INTECOL. The theme will be Development of ecological perspectives for the 21st century. For more information write to the Secretary-General's office for INTECOL 1990, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Yokohama National University, Yokohama 240, Japan. Estimated costs will be around US\$ 200.00 with an approximate 25% discount for INTECOL members who submit advanced payments (prior to 15 February 1989).