

Dedicated to Prof. Dr H. J. Lam on  
the occasion of the 25th anniversary of  
his Directorship of the 'Rijksherbarium'  
and his Professorship in Systematic Botany  
and Phytogeography at the State Univer-  
sity of Leiden — 1933—1958.



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## PROF. DR HERMAN JOHANNES LAM

Since this silver jubilee does not mean the end of a career, let it merely be regarded as a landmark from which we may now look back.

Herman Johannes Lam, born at Veendam in 1892, received his grammarschool education at the 'Gymnasium Erasmianum' in Rotterdam (1904—1911). He studied natural history at the State University of Utrecht (1911—1919) and enjoyed the privilege of having Prof. Dr A. A. Pulle as his teacher in systematic botany. In 1919 he obtained his doctor's degree on a thesis "*The Verbenaceae of the Malayan Archipelago etc.*" which concluded his studies.

In the same year he was appointed assistant to the Herbarium and the Museum of Systematic Botany of the Botanical Garden at Buitenzorg (now Bogor), Java. From 1927 to 1929 he was First General Secretary of the 'Fourth Pacific Science Congress' which met in Java in 1929.

Then, in 1930, followed his appointment as botanist to the above-mentioned Herbarium, and on 31st July 1932 he became a part-time Professor of the Medical High School at Batavia (now Djakarta) and Director of the Tjibodas Mountain Laboratory. On 31st December of the same year he was made Head of the Treub Laboratory of the Buitenzorg Botanical Garden.

His career in the Netherlands East Indies came to an end on 31st July 1933.

On 1st August 1933 he was appointed part-time Professor of Systematic Botany and Phytogeography at the State University of Leiden, and also Director of the 'Rijksherbarium'. He entered upon this double appointment on 2nd October of that year.

After the second World War, on 5th May 1945, he accepted an ordinary Professorship, after his resignation on 1st February 1943 in consequence of the German violation of the freedom of the Dutch Universities. He always continued his Directorship of the 'Rijksherbarium'.

Under Professor Lam's Directorship the small staff with which he began in 1933 grew rapidly, especially after the last war. The following figures may give some idea of this growth:

	1933	1958
Scientific and teaching staff .....	3	16
Administration .....	1 (half time)	5
Library .....	1 (half time)	4
Technical staff .....	3	12
Draughtsmen .....	1	3
Charwomen .....	1 (half time)	2

Numerous visits to other countries enabled Professor Lam to widen his botanical knowledge and to establish contacts with his colleagues abroad.

From January 1920 to January 1921 he joined a scientific expedition to Central Dutch New Guinea (the 'Expedition van Overeem'). A botanical exploration of the Talaud Islands, Morotai and Tidore followed from April to July 1926.

In 1933, on his way to Holland, he visited Eastern Asia and North America. South Africa, the Mascarenes and Madagascar were visited from September 1938 to January 1939. In 1939 (July—September) he attended the 'Sixth Pacific Science Congress' at Berkeley, U.S.A., as a representative of the Netherlands Government. In that quality he also visited New Zealand (January—March 1949) to attend the 'Seventh Pacific Science Congress' at Auckland and Christchurch, and travelled there via North America and the Pacific. In July and August 1950 he visited Scandinavia while attending the 'Seventh International Botanical Congress' at Stockholm. In 1954 (June—October) he attended the 'Second Pan Indian Ocean Science Congress' at Perth. Going by boat and returning by plane he was able to visit Ceylon, Australia, New Guinea, Manila and Bangkok.

In 1929 Professor Lam was made an Officer of the Order of Oranje-Nassau. Foreign appreciation for his numerous activities may be seen in an invitation to deliver a number of lectures at the University of Montpellier, and to take part in a symposium at the 'Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique' on the Evolution of Plants. In 1954 the University of Perth bestowed upon him the honorary degree of doctor of science.

The articles in this supplement of *Blumea* dedicated to Professor Lam were contributed by members, former members, and honorary members of the scientific staff and one member of the technical staff of the 'Rijks-herbarium', by co-operators of the 'Flora Malesiana Foundation', and by some of Professor Lam's pupils; articles were also included, at their own request, by Prof. Dr Baas Beeking, Mr Dilmy and Dr Cavaco.

Professor Lam's name will be preserved in botany, and even in zoology, by these names \*):

#### ANGIOSPERMAE

##### ACTINIDIACEAE

*Saurauia lamii* Diels, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1924, 82.

##### ANACARDIACEAE

*Semecarpus lamii* Slis, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1924, 98.

##### APOCYNACEAE

*Alyxia lamii* Markgraf, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1925, 280.

*Lamechites schlechteri* Markgraf, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1925, 290, t. 32.

##### ASTERACEAE

*Lactuca lamii* Mattfeld, Nova Guinea 14, 3, 1929, 530.

*Vernonia lamii* Koster, this issue, p. 174.

##### BIGNONIACEAE

*Lamiodendron magnificum* Steenis, Nova Guinea, N.S. 8, 2, 1957, 381, fig. 1.

##### BURSERACEAE

*Canarium lamii* Leenhouts, *Blumea* 8, 1, 1955, 184, fig. 2.

\*) compiled by P. van Royen.

**CONNARACEAE**

*Connarus lamii* Leenhouts, this issue, p. 106.

**CONVOLVULACEAE**

*Argyreia lamii* Ooststr., this issue, p. 239.

**CYPERACEAE**

*Cladium lamii* Kükenthal, Fedde Rep. 51, 1942, 146.

**ELAEOCARPACEAE**

*Elaeocarpus lamii* O. C. Schmidt, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1924, 153, t. 16 fig. A 1—10.

*Sericolea lamii* O. C. Schmidt, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1924, 151, t. 16 fig. C 1—10.

**EPACRIDACEAE**

*Styphelia lamii* J. J. Smith, Nova Guinea 18, 2, 1936, 123 = *Trochocarpa lamii* (J. J. Smith) H. J. Lam, Blumea 5, 3, 1945, 574.

**ERICACEAE**

*Diplycosia lamii* J. J. Smith, Nova Guinea 18, 2, 1936, 99.

*Rhododendron lamii* J. J. Smith, Nova Guinea 18, 2, 1936, 96.

**LORANTHACEAE**

*Loranthus lamii* Krause, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1924, 104, t. 9 B = *Distrianthes lamii* (Krause) Danser, Bull. Jard. Bot. Btzg, sér. 3, 10, 1929, 312.

**MELASTOMATACEAE**

*Neodissochaeta lamiana* Bakh. fil., Meded. Bot. Mus. Herb. Rijksuniv. Utrecht 91, 1943, 142.

*Otanthera lamii* Mansfeld, Nova Guinea 14, 2, 1924, 199, nomen; Bot. Jahrb. 60, 1926, 199.

**MONIMIACEAE**

*Decarydendron lamii* Cavaco, this issue, p. 28.

**MYRTACEAE**

*Decaspermum lamii* Diels, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1924, 88.

**ORCHIDACEAE**

*Bulbophyllum lamii* J. J. Smith, Nova Guinea 14, 3, 1929, 458, t. 74 fig. 104.

*Dendrobium lamii* J. J. Smith, Nova Guinea 14, 3, 1929, 435, t. 69 fig. 83.

*Habenaria lamii* J. J. Smith, Nova Guinea 14, 3, 1929, 338, t. 51 fig. 1.

*Microstylis lamii* J. J. Smith, Nova Guinea 14, 3, 1929, 361, t. 48 fig. 20.

*Microtatorchis lamii* J. J. Smith, Nova Guinea 14, 3, 1929, 500, t. 84 fig. 138.

**RUBIACEAE**

*Argostemma lammii* Valetton, Nova Guinea 14, 2, 1925, 254, t. 26 fig. A 1—3 = *A. grandiflorum* Ridley var. *lammii* (Valetton) Bak. fil., Blumea 7, 2, 1953, 333.

**RUTACEAE**

*Lamiofrutex papuanus* Lauterbach, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1924, 147 = *Vavaea spec.* (Meliaceae).

*Melicope lamii* Lauterbach, l. c., 142.

**SAPOTACEAE**

*Payena lamii* van Bruggen, Blumea 9, 1, 1958, 96.

*Pianchonella lamii* van Royen, Blumea 8, 2, 1957, 398, fig. 44.

**SYMPLOCACEAE**

*Symplocos lamii* A. Brand, Nova Guinea 14, 1924, 188.

**URTICACEAE**

- Elatostema lamii* Hub. Winkler, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1924, 125, t. 15 B.  
*Pilea lamii* Hub. Winkler, l. c., 120, t. 15 A.

**WINTERACEAE**

- Drimys lamii* Diels, Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1923, 77.

**PTERIDOPHYTA**

- Paesia lamiana* v. Ald. v. Ros., Nova Guinea 14, 1, 1923, 35.

**BRYOPHYTA**

- Bryum lamii* Reimers, Hedwigia 69, 1929, 125.  
*Dawsonia lamii* Reimers, l. c., 125.  
*Lopholejeunia lamii* Reimers, l. c., 114.  
*Rhizogonium lamii* Reimers, l. c., 123.  
*Tetraplodon lamii* Reimers, l. c., 118.

**LICHENES**

- Bombyliospora lamii* Groenhart, this issue, p. 110.

**MOLLUSCA**

- Planispira agnina* van Benthem-Jutting, Treubia 18, 1941, 24, fig. 4.

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