

III. PERSONAL NEWS  
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Prof. Ernst A b b e visited Mt Otto in eastern New Guinea in June 1962.

Mrs. Betty A l l e n left Malaya on retirement in June 1963. She has done much to further the knowledge of Malayan Pteridophyta and of the limestone flora of the hills round Ipoh, Perak. She has given the Malayan Nature Society strong support in the Society's attempts (to date, unavailing) to obtain preservation of at least one or two of these limestone hills from the depredations of quarrying for iron ore and other minerals. She and her husband intend to settle in Spain.

Dr. J.A.R. A n d e r s o n of Kuching was on leave from the end of October 1962 till May 1963.

Mr. P.S. A s h t o n took his Ph.D. degree on a 350-page thesis entitled "The taxonomy and ecology of the Dipterocarpaceae of Brunei". The degree was awarded him on Oct. 18, 1962, at Cambridge, in his absence. His examiners were the Professors J.S.L. Gilmour and P.W. Richards. On Sept. 7, 1962, Dr. Ashton came to pay a short visit to the Rijksherbarium. Early in October he left for Borneo, to take a post as Forest Botanist at Kuching, Sarawak. He hopes to occupy himself with the study of rattans, dipterocarps (see under section IV. Progress in Malaysian Botany) and many other subjects.

Mr. Hasan B a s j a r u d i n Nasution is head of the Indonesian Forestry Service since August 1962. His successor, Ir. S u m a r j o, is now head of the directorate of Forestry of the Agricultural Ministry.

Dr. N.L. B o r, at Kew, is to be congratulated with having received the Gold Medal of the Linnean Society for 1962, for his long-continued work on the flora and vegetation of Assam, and for his important work on grasses.

Mr. H.M. B u r k i l l, director of the Botanic Gardens, Singapore, was on vacation leave from August 5, 1962, till Jan. 22, 1963, during which time Dr. C h e w W e e L e k acted as director. While on leave, Mr. Burkill attended the annual field meeting of the British Phycological Society on the Shetland Islands, and visited Kew and Leyden.

Mr. I.H. B u r k i l l, at Leatherhead, Surrey, celebrated his 93th birthday on May 18 in good health, although his eyesight seems no more very good.

Dr. B.L. B u r t t, of Edinburgh, collected in 1962 for one month in Malaya and for three months in Sarawak, assembling material of about 150 species of Gesneriaceae. His assistant, Mr. W o o d s, managed to make a short trip to New Guinea.

Dr. Sherwin C a r l g u i s t, an anatomist-palynologist-phylogenist of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, Calif., is travelling through the Pacific for collecting materials and gathering information. By Dec. 1962 he had been in Tahiti, Bora Bora, the Marquesas, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia, and Australia. He plans to do further collecting in tropical Queensland, New Guinea and Indonesia.

Miss C h a n g K i a w L a n, botanist, is now in receipt of a U.K. Government Scholarship for two years allowing her to study taxonomic mycology under Mr. E.J.H. Corner at Cambridge. Miss Chang left Singapore for England in Oct. 1962.

Dr. R.S. C o w a n has become assistant director of the Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Mr. D a h r o, formerly director of the Institute for Agricultural Technique of Indonesia, has been appointed director of the Agricultural Experimental Station at Manokwari, western New Guinea.

Dr. Otto D e g e n e r, New York, was awarded the Linnean Gold Medal by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, for his well-known work on the botany of Hawaii.

Mr. D i d i n S u w a r n a of the Bogor Botanic Gardens went mid 1961 on a scholarship to the University of Hawaii, to get a M.Sc. degree.

Dr. C.X. F u r t a d o, in retirement, continues to visit the Singapore Herbarium.

Dr. George W. G i l l e t t has been appointed professor of systematic botany at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. He plans to work on the biosystematics of the genus *Cyrtandra* (Gesneriaceae).

Prof. H.B. G i l l i l l a n d of the University of Singapore left on March 24, 1963, for London to spend 5 months study leave in Britain. He will be working at Kew.

Mr. G u t i e r r e z of Manila made two minor botanical trips to Cagayan Prov., Luzon, and to Palawan. In July or August 1963 he will leave for the United States (where Mr. D e l R o s a r i o, another pupil of Dr. Quisumbing, already is) to receive further training in systematic botany at Harvard University.

Dr. T. H a r t l e y, one of Prof. R.F.Thorne's students, started in 1962 a three years' plan by directing a CSIRO phytochemical survey of the New Guinea flora.

Dr. C. d e n H a r t o g, who for some time worked at the Hydrobiological Institute of the Delta Works in the Netherlands, was by July 1, 1963, appointed on the staff of the Rijksherbarium. He will continue to pursue his interest in water plants, focussing his attention on Potamogetonaceae.

Dr. R. H e g n a u e r, professor of pharmacognosy at Leyden University, was by Sept. 1962 appointed professor of experimental plant taxonomy, and director of the newly established institute in the vicinity of the Rijksherbarium and loosely associated with it. Mr. H.P. N o o t e b o o m, who worked in the Simaroubaceae both taxonomically and phytochemically, has been appointed early in 1963 to assist him. Part of Prof. Hegnauer's task will be the instruction of pre-candidate students in taxonomic botany; in this capacity he is one of the successors to Dr. H.J.Lam's chair, Dr. Van Steenis being the other.

Mr. E. H e n n i p m a n, who in 1962 finished his studies in biology at Leyden University, will specialize in ferns at the Rijksherbarium, where for a long time the collections have remained unworked. He will focus his interest on Malaysia and start with a revision of Egenolfia and Bolbitis from that region.

Mr. Ted H e n t y is from Sept. 1, 1962, onwards working as curator of the Lae Herbarium. He will also collect material.

Mr. D.W. H o b r o u g h, the new curator of the Botanic Garden at Lae, arrived there at the end of April 1963.

Dr. R.E. H o l t t u m went to Singapore about July 22, and from there to Lae, in order to study the fern genus Bolbitis and others at moderate altitudes, for about one month. After that period he intends to do some other travel and attend the Orchid Conference at Singapore early in October; by the end of that month he hopes to be back at Kew.

Dr. E. H u l t é n has been succeeded by Dr. Tycho N o r l i n d h as director of the Botanical Division of the Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet in Stockholm.

Mr. M. J a c o b s of the Rijksherbarium was away from March 24 to July 15, 1963, for collecting plants in western Persia, as a member of a bio-archaeological expedition of the University of Minnesota.

Dr. L.A.S. J o h n s o n became Australian liaison botanist at Kew.

Dr. R.P. K o r f, professor of mycology, Department of Plant Pathology, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., spent early in 1962 about six weeks in Java, partly at Bogor, partly at Tjibodas, where he worked in the Herbarium and collected fungi (mostly Discomycetes). Two papers have been accepted by Lloydia.

Dr. A.J.G.H. K o s t e r m a n s of the Herbarium Bogoriense, paid a visit to Europe in the summer of 1962. After having left Bogor on April 27 for Moscow, he worked for one month in the Leningrad Herbarium, as a guest of the Sovjet Academy of Sciences. This visit was planned when Drs. Fedorov and Kabanov (see p.802) accompanied him on his trip to Sumbawa in 1960. Another month was spent travelling through Russia, together with two Indonesian botanists, Dr. Sumarwoto and Ir. Suleiman. They visited Kiev (from where the Turczaninow herbarium might eventually be transferred to Leningrad), the Crimea, Uzbekistan, and the Caucasus, where collections were made. Dr. Kostermans reported to have found in the Leningrad Herbarium considerable unworked-up sets of collections by Wallich, Forbes, and Krukoff. The months July and August were spent at Copenhagen, Kew, and the British Museum, where Dr. Kostermans completed his monumental bibliography on the Lauraceae (see p.891), and examined the families Sterculiaceae, Tiliaceae, Guttiferae, and Lauraceae. After a shorter stay in Paris he left on September 9th back for Indonesia.

Dr. H.J. L a m, professor emeritus of Leyden University and former Director of the Rijksherbarium, attended the meeting at Singapore in June 1963 in his capacity as a member of the Visiting Committee for tropical Herbaria; see also under Symposia, etc.

Mr. H.S. M a r s h a l l, who helped the Flora Malesiana on many occasions in his capacity as Librarian of the Kew Herbarium, recently went on retirement.

Dr. W. M e i j e r of Sandakan completed by end March 1963 his round the world trip in westerly direction. In the course of his study leave he visited the Rijksherbarium a few times in the second half of 1962, and spent much time at Kew, where he mainly worked on Malaysian Fagaceae. He left Europe on Febr. 1 and visited the botanical institutes at New York, Cambridge, Ithaca, Washington, Manila, and Kuching.

Mr. D. N i c o l s o n, who has specialized in Araceae, will leave Cornell University and accepted a post at the U.S. National Herbarium, Washington, D.C., by September 1963.

Dr. G.B. O c a m p o has succeeded Dr. E. Quisumbing as director of the National Museum, Manila, P.I.

Dr. Jane P a l l o t joined the Department of Botany, University of Singapore, in March 1963. She intends to study palynology.

Mr. Shri M. P a r a m e s w a r a n N a y a r started his work at Kew as a liaison officer of the Government of India on Nov. 8, 1961.

Ir. K. P a y m a n s left on Febr. 17, 1963, to take an appointment to the C.S.I.R.O., Canberra, as plant ecologist at the Division Land Use and Regional Survey. He is to work partly in New Guinea in the field, partly at Canberra.

Mr. T.D. P e n n i n g t o n of Oxford, who is specializing in Meliaceae, will make a 5-months' field tour on which he will operate from Kepong, Singapore, Kuching, Sandakan, and Lae. The tour, sponsored by the Leverhulme Trust Fund, will probably start in Sept. 1963.

Mr. P h i l c o x of the Kew Herbarium has been transferred from the American to the Malaysian section. He works on Scrophulariaceae.

Mr. B. P r i j a n t o will be appointed by Sept. 1, 1963, as assistant botanist to the Division of Botany of the Forestry Service, Bogor.

After his retirement as director of the Philippine National Museum, Dr. E. Q u i s u m b i n g is now head and professor of the Department of Horticulture at the Araneta University near Manila, and also teaching at the University of Sto. Tomas. He is working to finish his MSS on Vidal Y Soler, and also preparing a second edition of his Medicinal Plants of the Philippines, which has been out of print since 1960. He hopes in the future to make another trip to Europe, in order to check the plants of Vidal and of Llanos, to study the materials of the Malaspina expedition (1789-94), the types of Cavanilles, and unidentified historical collections at Paris, and to visit several more Herbaria.

Miss R. R a s i d, from Bogor, studied at the University of Hawaii, where she attained a M.Sc. degree on a thesis "Phenology and floral ontogeny of the skunk tree, *Sterculia foetida* L.". End March 1963 she returned to Bogor, where she will work in the Treub Laboratory to prepare a thesis on an anatomical-morphological subject.

Dr. P. v a n R o y e n arrived at Lae early in June 1962 to take the office of Botanist-Ecologist.

Ir. S a d i k i n Sumintawikarta left his post as director of the Bogor Botanic Gardens; see also under Miscellaneous News.

On June 12, 1961, Dr. H. S a n t a p a u, S.J., assumed office as chief botanist of the Botanical Survey of India, to succeed Dr. J.C. S e n G u p t a, who retired.

Miss S e t y a t i of the Bogor Botanic Gardens was to return in May 1963 from Hawaii University with a M.Sc. degree.

Mr. H.K. Airy S h a w was at Leyden for about three weeks in Sept. 1962, in connection with his studies on Malaysian Euphorbiaceae.

Mr. J. S i n c l a i r, keeper of the Singapore Herbarium, proceeded on vacation leave prior to retirement under the Malayanisation Scheme on Jan. 1, 1963. It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements can be made for Mr. Sinclair to return to Singapore to complete his revision of the Malaysian Myristicaceae.

Prof. Dr. Hugo S j ö r s succeeded Prof. E. d u R i e t z as director of the Plant Geographical Institute at Uppsala.

Dr. H. S l e u m e r of the Rijksherbarium, who was granted Dutch citizenship on Nov. 1, 1962, left on June 22 to take part in the Kuching Symposium, to visit Mount Kinabalu together with Dr. H.P. F u c h s, and to lead the UNESCO Field Training Expedition in peninsular Thailand till about Sept. 15. He also visited places in Malaya.

Dr. A.C. S m i t h, who has been director of the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of Natural History since 1958, became by Nov. 1, 1962, an assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. As a director of the Museum of Natural History he is succeeded by Dr. T. D a l e S t e w a r t, who is an anthropologist.

Mr. A. S o e g i a r t o will be awarded the M.Sc. degree end 1963 at the University of Honolulu, his thesis topic being "Primary productivity of benthic algae in a tropical bay (Hanauma Bay)".

Messrs. D. S o e j a n t o and N. W i r a w a n will be appointed staff members of the Herbarium Bogoriense by Sept. 1, 1963. It is hoped that Mr. Soejanto can finish his studies at Harvard University.

Mr. D. S o e j a r t o of the Herbarium Bogoriense went in January 1963 with a Ford Foundation grant to Harvard University, to take a Ph.D. degree in Economic Botany.

On Sept. 26, 1962, four of Dr. Achmad Kostermans's pupils left Bogor to receive further training in England. Mr. N. S o e p a d m o goes to Mr. E.J.H. Corner at Cambridge, Mr. M. R i f a i t o studies mycology with Dr. Webster at Sheffield, Mr. L o e b i s goes to study phytochemistry at Nottingham, and Mr. S o e m a d i to study plant physiology at Aberdeen.

Dr. C.G.G.J. v a n S t e e n i s succeeded Dr. H.J. Lam as director of the Rijksherbarium on Sept. 1, 1962. He also took over part of Dr. Lam's task as a professor of botany at Leiden University, notably the education of post-candidate students. The pre-candidate students will come under the care of Prof. Dr. R. Hegnauer. q.v.

Ir. S u h e r m a n is now head of the Division of Forest Resources and Survey, at Manokwari in western New Guinea.

Mr. S u w a n d a of the Botanical Department of the Forestry Station at Bogor, was in January 1963 transferred to Manokwari in western New Guinea to take charge of the Botanical Department of the Forestry Experimental Station. Ir. L u k i t o went also to Manokwari, as a cytologist.

Mr. A. T o u w, who in 1961 finished his studies in biology at Leyden University, was on July 1, 1963, appointed on the staff of the Rijksherbarium, and put in charge of the moss collections of that institute. He is specializing in Hypnodendraceae, a family of the Musci which has its centre in Malaysia and the Pacific.

Mr. W. V i n k was appointed as a botanist to the Rijksherbarium on July 15, 1962. It is hoped that he will give the Sapotaceae their final shape for the Flora Malesiana. First, however, he left on May 27 for eastern New Guinea, with the special aim to explore the high mountain flora.

Dr. F.W. W e n t of Missouri Botanic Garden visited Mt Wilhelm in eastern New Guinea. The Mo. Bot. Gard. Bull. of Sept. 1962 shows him and his wife "caught by the photographers" before boarding the plane.

Dr. T.C. W h i t m o r e left in Sept. 1962 for the British Solomon Islands to become a forest botanist at Honiara. He shortly before had taken his Ph.D. degree on a thesis about bark of Dipterocarpaceae. He has agreed to cooperate with the Flora Malesiana.

Mr. J.S. W o m e r s l e y of Lae went on leave Dec. 21, 1962, to return March 29, 1963. Dr. P.van Royen acted in his absence.

Mr. J. W y a t t - S m i t h retired from his post as Silvicultural Research Officer at Kepong, Malaya, early in April 1963, under the Malayanisation Scheme after some 25 years service. He is accepting an appointment under FAO sponsorship at Ibadan University in Nigeria.

Ir. J.F.U. Z i e c k left Manokwari, western New Guinea, on Nov. 7, 1962. Mr. Chr. V e r s t e e g h left on Dec. 1, 1962. Mr. V.W. M o l l, forest ranger, was still present by the end of January 1963.