

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Dr. J. A. R. A n d e r s o n was on long leave during 1968 and worked in the Edinburgh Herbarium. He is engaged in writing a Manual of the Peat Swamp Forests of Sarawak. This will be primarily for departmental use though it will include

descriptions of all arboreal species. In future he intends to write a monograph on the ecology of the peat swamps for Borneo. He retired as Conservator of Forest at Kuching, but will return to assume the post of Head of Research of the Forestry Service, in connection with a five-year plan.

Mr. Gilbert B o c q u e t has been appointed as Konservator der Botanischen Sammlungen, E.T.H., Zürich.

The two herbaria of C.S.I.R.O. Canberra have been united and are supervised by Miss N. B u r b i d g e.

Mr. H. M. B u r k i l l will retire as director of the Singapore Botanic Gardens mid-1969. He has in view to study the mass of material of seaweeds which he has collected through the years and which he will work out at the British Museum where he has been promised working facilities. He hopes to be able to produce some sort of Precursores for a Malayan Marine Algal Flora.

It seems that the English Voluntary Service Botanist, Mr. P. F. C o c k b u r n, who in 1967 worked at Kepong, will come over to Sabah and may carry on work there from March 1969 onwards.

Prof. Dr. Christopher D. K. C o o k, since 1962 Lecturer at the University of Liverpool, succeeded Prof. Markgraf as Professor and Director of the Botanical Garden, Zürich. He is well known for his work on experimental plant taxonomy and his work on Ranunculus § Batrachium.

Mr. A. D i l m y, Bogor, received a grant for one year to be spent in the Netherlands, in order to study new methodologies of ecology. He is destined to become Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture in Bandjermasin, Kalimantan.

Mr. John Roger F l e n l e y, Lecturer in Biogeography, Dept. of Geography, The University, Hull, England, got a Ph.D. at Canberra in 1968 on a thesis entitled "The Present and former vegetation of the Wabag region in New Guinea", which he visited (and Mt Wilhelm) in 1964/65. He received a grant to visit Malaya, probably Jan.-March 1969 for investigation of vegetation history through pollen analysis and to collect samples of modern pollen rain.

Dr. G. G i e s b e r g e r has been appointed as honorary professor of Tropical Botany at the University of Amsterdam, sponsored by the Royal Institute of the Tropics; he held his inaugural lecture Oct. 28. Special attention will be given to the applied sciences (agriculture, crops, tropical products, etc.).

Prof. G. W. G i l l e t t reports that his paper on an experimental study of Bidens in Hawaii is completed. He is starting a 2-year research project on Cyrtandra in French Polynesia and Samoa and on Bidens in French Polynesia. In 1969 he will be working at the Bishop Museum and in 1970 he will go to the Marquesas and Society Islands. He is also completing a MS on the genus Protocyrtandra from the Carolines and finds it very difficult indeed to view this as distinct from Cyrtandra.

Dr. William T. G i l l i s, from Michigan State University, has been appointed taxonomist at the Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami, Florida.

Prof. R. E. H o l t t u m plans to extend his visit to the 11th International Botanic Congress at Seattle with a round-the-world study trip and go on to Australia, Lae, Bogor, Singapore and possibly Calcutta in connection with his studies on the Thelypteris group of ferns.

Dr. R. D. H o o g l a n d has accepted the post of Senior Research Fellow in the Research School of Biological Sciences, Canberra.

Dr. M. J a c o b s of the Rijksherbarium conducted exploration work in the mountains of Central Luzon, and the Sierra Madre in Eastern Luzon (see Exploration). With a grant of the Netherlands Organization WOTRO he left on 7 Jan. 1968 for Manila, from where he proceeded to Bogor, arriving on 11 April for field work in the province of Lampung, South Sumatra (see Exploration). He left Bogor on 27 May, to spend a few days in Kuala Lumpur, where he did some botanical sight-seeing; he returned by way of Bangkok to Holland, to arrive there on June 1st.

Mr. A. K a n i s attained his doctor's degree at Leyden University on March 20, 1968, on a thesis "A revision of the Ochnaceae of the Indo-Pacific area", published in Blumea 16, no 1.

Mr. J. H. K e r n officially retired from the staff of the Rijksherbarium on reaching the age of 65, on Dec. 21, 1968. He will remain working at the Herbarium, first finishing his account of the Cyperaceae for the Flora Malesiana, consisting of the finishing off of the genus Carex and the revision of the genus Uncinia.

Mid-1968 Mr. K. M. K o c h u m m e n passed his diploma examination at Edinburgh.

Dr. A. J. G. H. K o s t e r m a n s accompanied by Mr. Nedi made a forest exploration in the island of Batjan, northern Moluccas, for a possible later German forest exploitation.

Mr. K u s w a t a of Bogor worked on a D.Sc. at the University of Hawaii with Prof. Mueller-Dombois.

Dr. C. R. M e t c a l f e will retire as Keeper of the Jodrell Laboratory in the fall of 1969. The work on the Cypereaceae for the Handbook will then be ready. Afterwards Dr. Metcalfe will be engaged with Dr. Chalk in revising the volumes on the Dicotyledons.

Dr. W. M e i j e r has been appointed, Sept. 1st, as visiting associate professor in the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

Mr. D. P h i l c o x has been transferred to the American section at the Kew Herbarium. He made a large expedition in Brazil. Mr. C. G r e y - W i l s o n has succeeded him as assistant to Mr. Forman for the Asiatic section.

Dr. P r i j a n t o works at Bogor on the palynology of Meliaceae.

Prof. J. W. P u r s e g l o v e, professor of Botany, College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, retired end June 1967. He is now advisor on tropical crops for the Ministry of Overseas Development, East Malling, England. He has published two volumes of his life-long study on tropical crops and is engaged in writing the third and final volume.

Mr. J. P. R o j o, of the Forestry Department, School of Agriculture, Los Banos, Luzon, got a grant for a year towards post-graduate work on plant taxonomy at the Rijksherbarium, Leyden. He arrived Nov. 1968. He worked out some Philippine collections and then started with a revision of the genus *Pterocarpus*.

Father S a n t a p a u has retired from the directorship and as Chief Botanist of the Botanical Survey of India June 5, 1968. He was already ill several times in recent years by a weakness of the heart. I met him for the first time at the Int. Bot. Congress at Edinburgh. During my brief visit to Calcutta, Jan. 1967, he was just recovering from an attack but I was fortunate to be able to see him twice. It was clear to him that he would have to lay down his heavy task within short and this has now happened. We want to pay a tribute to his kindness, his enthusiasm, his energy, and his devotion, which enabled him to play his important role in the building up of the Survey, which is now assembling the data for a new Flora of India. The Deputy Director, Dr. K.S. Srinivasan, commemorated the great honours which were awarded to him in the Bulletin of the Botanical Survey, volume 9, the coveted honour of the Padma Shri as a National award from India, his second homecountry, Jan. 26th, 1967, and the Order of Alfonso, 'The Wise', by the Government of Spain, the country of

his birth. Dr. Santapau plans to work out a number of re-search subjects which had been held up during his period of service in Calcutta. We sincerely hope that now he is relieved from the heavy, manyfold duties with the Botanical Survey of India, that he will have the privilege of continuing his botanical work for his own pleasure and for the benefit of Indian Botany.

Mr. R. S c h o d d e, after having had two years leave without pay from C.S.I.R.O. for drawing his thesis on part of the Monimiaceae, has resumed his work at Canberra.

Mr. S o e j a r t o of Bogor, who worked for several years in Harvard University on the American representatives of the genus Saurauia, finished his thesis for his D.Sc.

Dr. M. L. S p e c h t was appointed professor of Botany at Queensland University to succeed Dr. A. Herbert who retired.

Dr. K. S u b r a m a n y a m succeeded Prof. Santapau as Director of the Botanical Survey of India. We wish him a successful term of office and especially all the good with the progress of the new building for the Calcutta Herbarium, library, and other departments, and the unification of the Survey therein. Only after completion the Botanical Survey will be fully able to spread its wings.

Dr. T. C. W h i t m o r e arrived in England early Sept. on a fairly long leave. He is engaged on a study of Macaranga and various other subjects in relation with the forest flora of Malaya; he also made a short trip to the Solomon Islands to inspect plans formerly initiated by him for the work of the Forest Herbarium at Honiara. He returned for another 3-years contract to Kepong as a Forest Botanist (Colombo Plan) in April 1969. His main work will be tackling Euphorbiaceae for the new Forest Flora of Malaya.

Mr. W i r a w a n of Bogor worked 8 months in Ceylon in 1968; he received a grant towards academic study in England in order to attain a D.Sc.

Mr. A. C. W o o d r i c h, B.Sc., a Peace Corps Volunteer, is working in Palau, Western Carolines; he curates the small herbarium at the Trust Territory Entomology Laboratory and is adding to this collection.

Mr. J. F. U. Z i e c k is working for the Forest Products Research Centre, P.O. Box 1358, Boroko, Port Moresby, T.P.& N.G. Exploration is done on rattan, ebony (Woodlark I.), and sandalwood (*Santalum macgregorii*) in the dry belt of East Papua.