

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Dr. A.A. BIDIN (UKMB) has been appointed Head of the Botany Department of the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, beginning in June 1988. He also coordinates the work in the Fernery.

Mr. N.D. BROWN (OXF) completed nearly two years at Danum Valley (Sabah) and returned to Oxford in November 1988 to start writing up his study on dipterocarp seedling behaviour and microclimate in a range of 10 artificial canopy gaps.

Ms. U. DJAILANY has returned to BIOTROP from the Toulouse University with a Ph.D. in vegetation ecology and remote sensing entitled 'Formations végétales naturelles de Sumatra, structure et caractéristiques radiométriques.'

Dr. J. DRANSFIELD (K) has been awarded the 1988 Founders Medal of the Fairfield Tropical Garden 'for distinguished achievement in the world of palms'.

Mr. L.E. EVANGELISTA (formerly of PNH) is now working with the University of Oman.

Dr. J.W. GREEN retired on 31 December 1987 as Curator of the Western Australian herbarium (PERTH). Dr. B.R. MASLIN is temporarily the Acting Curator.

Dr. I.C. HEDGE has resigned as Curator of E, he is succeeded by Dr. D.G. LONG.

Dr. H. HEINE (P) has retired in May 1988 and has moved to Germany.

Mr. B.L.M. HOCK (SAR) has moved to the Section Forest Office, Bintulu, in December 1988.

Dr. DING HOU (L) so inobtrusively retired on 1 November 1986 that the occasion missed mention in the pages of this Bulletin. My only excuse is that it is his own fault: he continued his daily routine without a break, so we didn't notice that he had become an honorary staff-member instead of an employed one.

Dr. F.H. IBRAHIM has returned to the Faculty of Forestry, Universiti Pertanian Malaysia, Serdang, where she has been appointed lecturer.

Dr. R. KIEW (UPM) had a sabbatical year in Cambridge from 1 September 1988 to 1 July 1989.

Mr. K.M. KOCHUMMEN retired from KEP on 5 July 1986, after 33 years of service. He has been one of the main contributors to the 'Tree Flora of Malaya' project. His final contribution was made after his retirement on the *Rhizophoraceae*. Presently, he still maintains an office at the Herbarium, and is employed by the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) as a consultant Botanist on a joint project between STRI and the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), the Pasoh 50 ha Demographic Study.

Dr. Y. LAUMONIER (BIOTROP) will leave in July 1989 for France, where he will become a senior lecturer at the University, attached to the Institut de la Carte Internationale de la Végétation, 39 Allées Jules Guesde, F-31400 Toulouse.

Dr. G.L. LEACH has moved from Alice Springs, with most of the Herbarium of NT, to Port Darwin (DNA).

Mr. LEE YIN FAH obtained a M.Sc. in Forestry and land management at Oxford in October 1988.

Ms. M.D.A.A. LINGKEU (SAR) has become a tutor at the Agriculture University of Malaysia, Bintulu in July 1988.

Dr. D.G. LONG has become Curator of E succeeding Dr. I.C. HEDGE.

Dr. B.R. MASLIN is temporarily the Acting Curator of PERTH.

Dr. G. MICHON has joined BIOTROP in January 1989 on an appointment of the French Government to assist the team that will be mapping Kalimantan.

Mr. JAMILI NAIS has been appointed as botanist in the Kinabalu National Park replacing Ms. A. PHILLIPPS.

Dr. B.S. PARRIS (K) has resigned on 30 September 1988 as Head of the Fern Section in K and plans to move to New Zealand. Working there at AK, she intends to continue her involvement with K and Kew's ongoing research in Malesian ferns, and hopes to visit Malesia as frequently as she has done so lately.

Mr. J. REGALADO Jr. (MICH) was awarded a US\$ 5,000.00 Garden Club of America Scholarship to do field work in the Philippines. He has handed in a manuscript on the Bornean species of *Medinilla* (*Melastomataceae*).

Mr. IDRIS MOHAMMEDSAID joined the KEP Herbarium on 26 July as Forest Botanist.

Mr. S. SAULEI has gone into government service in the Papua New Guinea Department of Forests.

Mr. P. SIAGURU (A) is studying forest regeneration in the Gogol Basin, Papua New Guinea.

Mr. M.S.M. SOSEF (L, now WAG) had to stop his research of love on the relationships in the *Rottboellia/Mnesithea* alliance, as he obtained a paid job in Wageningen to study the *Begonia* species of Africa.

Dr. B.T. TAN (CAHUP) was voted one of the ten outstanding young scientists of 1988. He was cited for his numerous and significant contributions in the field of fern and moss systematics.

Dr. K. THOTHATHRI, Additional Director, Botanical Survey of India, Calcutta, retired on 31 December 1987 after nearly 32 years of service. He has now joined the Botany Field Laboratory, Madras University, Madhavoyal, Madras 602 102. He will continue to study the Asiatic *Leguminosae*, especially those of India.

Dr. I.M. TURNER obtained his Ph.D. in October 1988 on a thesis entitled 'The response of tree species to canopy gaps in a tropical forest'. He has been appointed lecturer in ecology at the National University of Singapore starting in April 1989.

Dr. W.L. WAGNER, formerly of BISH, has been appointed at US to build up Pacific Island collections following the Wilkes Expedition, E.H. Walker, A.C. Smith, F.R. Fosberg, and M.-H. Sachet. Together with D. LORENCE he will continue the Flora of the Marquesas Islands started by Dr. Sachet. In this connection he has just returned from the very successful Fatuchiva Expedition to the Marquesas sponsored by BISH, the Pacific Tropical Botanical garden, US, and ORSTOM. The enormous back-log of Pacific collections accumulated by Dr. Fosberg will provide work for any spare time he may have.

Mr. I.J.J. WERK, technician at the Rijksherbarium, retired on 20 January 1989, after 40 years of service. He was awarded the Honorary Medal in Gold belonging to the Order of Oranje-Nassau on 29 April 1989.