

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Mr. Mohamad b i n A k i p, Botanical Artist with the Forest Department, Sarawak, proceeded in Sept. 1970 on a six-month F.A.O. fellowship to the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

Dr. J.A.R. A n d e r s o n at the invitation of the Institute of Tropical Biology (BIOTROP) of Indonesia accompanied a small party to Kalimantan for a month in mid-year to investigate the Kutei Nature Reserve.

Dr. Edward A y e n s u is the new chairman of the Department of Botany, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Dr. J.S. B e a r d, formerly director of King's Park & Botanic Garden, Perth, has been appointed as Director and Chief Botanist of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, N.S.W. This is to replace the erroneous information given on p.1776 of this Bulletin.

Mr. C.F. v a n B e u s e k o m will, early 1971, fill the vacancy left by Dr. Sleumer and join the staff of the Rijksherbarium for studies on the Flora Malesiana, thereby finishing his contract for work on the Flora of Thailand.

Mr. H.M. B u r k i l l has been awarded the distinction to be an Officer of the British Empire, March 4, 1970, in recognition of his work as Director of the Botanic Gardens, Singapore, with which we want to offer him our warm congratulations. During his term of office Mr. Burkill ardently supported the Flora Malesiana attempt, fought successfully to improve the conditions of the Singapore Herbarium and Library, and continued the publication of the Gardens Bulletin Singapore. Mr. Burkill has joined the Kew staff under the Bentham-Moxon Trust to revise Dalziel's work on Useful Plants of West Africa. After this work is accomplished he will resume algological work on Malaya.

Mr. John C a r r i c k, Adelaide (formerly Malaya), succeeded Mr. D.J. MacGillivray as Australian liaison officer at Kew in April 1970.

Mr. Paul Piang Kong C h a i, who graduated in 1970 at the University of Malaya with honours in Botany, has been appointed Forest Botanist, Forest Department, Sarawak as from January 1970. He succeeds Dr. P.S. Ashton who left Sarawak in 1966. Initially Mr. Chai will be engaged on an ecological study of mangrove forest in Sarawak and a continuation of the preparation of a manual on the non-Dipterocarp trees of Sarawak.

Dr. (Miss) C h a n g K i a w L a n is now in charge of the Herbarium and Library, Botanic Gardens, Singapore.

Mr. Anthony S. C h e k e, an ornithologist, who studied for his first degree at Cambridge under Dr. Corner, is appointed as Lecturer in Botany at the University of Chiangmai in North Thailand.

Dr. C h e w W e e L e k, up till March 1st 1970 acting director of the Herbarium & Library, Botanic Gardens Singapore, joined the staff of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, as from April 1st, 1970. It is hoped that he will be able to continue his revisions of Urticaceae and Piperaceae, as well as taking up studies in certain groups of the Australian flora.

Mr. P.A. C o r d e r o Jr, Researcher of the Botany Division now in Kagoshima University, Japan, has been granted one year extension to finish his Masters Degree. He is studying marine algae under Dr. Takeshi Tanaka of the Faculty of Fisheries.

Dr. D i d i n, secretary of LIPI, is also appointed as Deputy Director of Lembaga Biologi Nasional, Bogor.

Dr. J. D r a n s f i e l d, a former research student of Prof. Corner at Cambridge, has been seconded by the British Overseas Development Agency (Colombo Plan) to the Regional Centre of Tropical Biology, Bogor, since 1 October 1970. He is assigned to work in Herbarium Bogoriense for two years and is studying the taxonomy and ecology of Malesian rattans.

Mr. B. E v e r e t t returned to the U.K. in August 1970 after a year at Kepong as a volunteer under the British Service Overseas arrangements; he spent much of his time collecting and helped prepare drafts for the Tree Flora of Malaya.

Dr. H.R. F l e t c h e r has retired under the age limit as Regius Keeper of the Botanical Garden, Edinburgh. He is succeeded by Dr. D.M. H e n d e r s o n.

Dr. D.G. F r o d i n will proceed to Port Moresby Febr. 1st, 1971, to teach in the University on Ecology, Taxonomy, and Anatomy, under a contract of three years, filling the vacancy left by Dr. Robbins.

Mr. A.N. G i l l i s o n has accepted a post at the College at Bulolo, East New Guinea.

Mr. Hermes G. G u t i e r r e z has been appointed as the Chief of the Botany Division, Manila National Museum, succeeding Mrs. S.L. P a l o, who retired in October 1969. He is also in charge of the administration of the Philippine National Herbarium.

Dr. Chieng-chang H u has been appointed as associate professor of Botany at Taiwan National University, Taipei. He received his training in Japan from where he returned in 1967 after having specialized in Gramineae. Spring 1971 he will produce an illustrated manual on the grasses of Taiwan. He works also on chromosomes of Taiwan plants and intends further studies on Taiwan Rhododendron.

Prof. S. K i t a m u r a retired as professor of botany in Kyoto University and has been succeeded by Dr. M. T a - g a w a, the well-known pteridologist.

Since 1 March 1970 Dr. A.J.G.H. K o s t e r m a n s has resumed his research activities in Herbarium Bogoriense after being absent from that Institute for seven months. In 1971 he will stay 6 months at Leyden for the revision of Lauraceae for Flora Malesiana.

Mr. K u s w a t a returned in Nov. 1970 from Hawaii where he obtained a Ph.D. degree.

Dr. J. L e r o y has succeeded Prof. A u b r é v i l l e as Directeur du Muséum d'Histoire naturelle, Phanérogamie, at Paris, effective from 23 Jan. 1970.

Mr. D.A. M a d u l i d, B.S. Botany, 1967 graduate from the University of the Philippines, has been appointed as Museum Researcher in the Botany Division, Manila National Museum, Dec. 1969. He was formerly connected with the Parks & Wildlife Office where he served as Botanist since 1968.

Prof. H.A. M i l l e r has accepted the new position of Chairman of Biological Sciences at Florida Technological University at Orlando, Florida 32816.

Prof. Dr. J.A. N a n n f e l d t has retired under the age limit as Director of the Institute of Taxonomic Botany at Uppsala. He is succeeded by Dr. O. H e d b e r g.

Dr. M.P. N a y a r has been nominated Keeper of the Central National Herbarium, P.O. Botanic Garden, Howrah-3, West Bengal, India, succeeding Dr. S.K. M u k h e r j e e.

Mr. F.S.P. N g continues at Oxford University. He expects to complete his doctoral dissertation on Ebenaceae mid 1971 and return to Kepong in the autumn.

Dr. S.J. v a n O o s t s t r o o m retired under the age limit from the Rijksherbarium Febr. 1, 1971; he intends to pursue his studies on Convolvulaceae.

Since 1 March 1970 Dr. M.A. R i f a i has been appointed Keeper of Herbarium Bogoriense to replace Mr. Anwari Dilmy.

Mr. J.P. R o j o has been appointed as Chief of the Forest Products Collection Section under the Wood Technology Service, National Science Development Board, College, Laguna, E 100, Philippines. He is working on the phenology of Philippine Anacardiaceae and Leguminosae and identification of non-commercial Philippine timber species.

Mr. R.M. d e l R o s a r i o will be finishing his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois by the middle of 1971. He is specializing in Philippine bryophytes.

Dr. H. S l e u m e r retired from the Rijksherbarium under the age limit March 1971; he is pursuing his studies on Flacourtiaceae, especially of Africa, thereby sustained by a half-time grant from the Netherlands Organisation for Pure Scientific Research (Z.W.O.).

Dr. A.C. S m i t h, Wilder professor at the University of Hawaii, has accepted a professorship at the Department of Botany, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. 01002. He plans to continue with his Flora of Fiji and hopes to have this in a final typing stage by early 1973.

Dr. S o e t o m o, Head of the Treub Laboratory, is replaced by Dr. S o e s o n o, a Russian-trained microbiologist, who will pursue especially studies on nitrogen-fixing organisms. Dr. Soetomo is working on a thesis.

Dr. W.R. S t a n t o n, microbiologist, is the new professor who joined the Botany Division, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr. P.F. S t e v e n s, from Edinburgh, went to the Botany Division, Lae, May 1970.

Dr. G. T a y l o r is spring 1971 retiring under the age limit as Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He will be succeeded by Prof.Dr. J. H e s l o p H a r r i s o n.

Prof. H. W e i m a r c k, Lund, has retired under the age limit as director of the Herbarium & Botanical Institute. He is succeeded by Prof.Dr. H. R u n e m a r k.

Dr. T.C. W h i t m o r e visited New Hebrides (9 days) and British Solomon Islands (5 weeks) during Febr.-April 1970. In New Hebrides he advised the Director of Agriculture on proposals for a botanical survey. In the Solomon Islands he advised on the future of the Forest Department Botany branch, wrote a new checklist to the Kwara'ae language and activated the re-observation of forest plots on Kolombangara Island in the project to study forest dynamics commenced 1964.