

IV. PERSONAL NEWS

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We announce with great regret the death of Dr F. W. Foxworthy, forest botanist, who worked in the Philippines (1911-'18) and in the Malay Peninsula (1918-'32). His final work 'Forests and Forestry of Tropical Asia' is in the press, a volume in the New Series of Plant Science Books, publishes by Chronica Botanica Cy.

C. C. Schröter, Curator of the Tjibodas Mountain Garden, was murdered September 15; a biography will appear in 'Annales Bogorienses'.

Dr J. G. Watson, Foxworthy's successor as Forest Research Officer, Malaya, died of heart failure early in 1950. Mr J. B. Scrivenor, authority on Malayan geology died early in 1950.

A biography of the late Professor L. Diels by Prof. Dr J. Mildbread ('Nachruf') appeared in Engl. Bot. Jahrb. 74 (1948) 173-198.

Dr C. G. G. J. van Steenis was appointed Correspondent to the Royal Academy of Sciences (Netherlands), and member of the Societas Phytogeographica Suecica. He made an official trip to the botanical institutes of Eastern Australia (Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, and Adelaide), July 15th - Aug. 18th, in order to meet Australian botanists personally and to promote exchange of publications, herbarium specimens and living plants with the Botanic Gardens, Bogor, and the Flora Malesiana. Dr van Steenis will return to the Netherlands in December.

Dr H. N. Ridley was awarded the Gold Medal of the Linnean Society of London which he received in person, aged 95.

Dr J. F. Rock returned from the interior of China, medio 1950, saving his books and leaving what he could not bring out.

Dr F. A. Stafleu returned to the Netherlands, Febr. 1950; he is now working in the Botanisch Museum and Herbarium, Utrecht University.

Dr S. J. van Ooststroom stayed at Buitenzorg (Jan.-June 1950) at the expense of the Netherlands Buitenzorg Fund.

Dr S. Bloembergen, lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at Djakarta, and botanist in the Forest Research station at Bogor, has accepted a professorship in Plant Taxonomy and Geography in the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Indonesia, at Bogor, August 1, 1950.

Ir Kusnoto, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Bogor, and Dr M. A. Donk, Head of the Herbarium Bogoriense, represented Indonesia at the 7th International Botanical Congress at Stockholm. Flora Malesiana was represented by Dr H. C. D. de Wit, acting representative of Flora Malesiana in the Netherlands.

Dr P. Jansen went to Kew in May and spent a fortnight there revising Malaysian *Gramineae*.

Dr E. D. Merrill, after attending the Stockholm Congress, worked a fortnight in the Leyden Herbarium and continued from there his journey by a trip to Paris, Herbarium of the Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, and a visit to some other W. European Herbaria. At Leyden he studied type specimens of species in many critical genera, some 3000 in total.

Prof. Dr Harold St John spent some days in the National Herbarium at Leyden in August. He expected to visit the Botanic Gardens at Bogor on his home trip to Hawaii in October, after his world journey.

Miss Dr Shubert, of the Gray Herbarium, Harvard, spent a few days at Leyden in September.

Professor Manton of Leeds, who did much research into the cytology of European Ferns, plans to visit Ceylon in December 1950. She intends to investigate cytologically as many Ceylon ferns as possible; Mr Ballard, of Kew, will accompany her and study the taxonomy of the ferns investigated.

Mr J. van Borssum Waalkes has been appointed botanist in the Herbarium at Bogor; he is due to arrive at the beginning of November.

Dr A. J. G. H. Kostermans set out on a forest survey trip in South Borneo, July 1950.

Mr Monod de Froideville, Buitenzorg, made a trip for collecting data on pastoral areas in the Lesser Sunda Islands, May-June 1950.