

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Ms. Wanda A v é, a student of biology at Leiden with interest in ethnobotany, prepared 30 maps with text for Pacific Plant Areas, then studied rattan species of Malaya, where she went in March 1982 to work on small-scale utilization of rattan by indigenous tribes.

Dr. M. M. J. v a n B a l g o o y, duly elected in the democratic manner, took over as Head of the Tropical Department at L, from Dr. W. Vink who felt that he had served his time.

Dr. Bryan B a r l o w, now Director of the CANB-Herbarium, is updating the Loranthaceae for the Flora of Australia, and has completed work on *Notothixos* (Viscaceae). He is also intrigued by Melaleuca, from the experimental point of view.

Nomenclature at Canberra. A few months after Dr. Barlow assumed duties as Director of the CANB-Herbarium, he became the head of another group as well. The administratively integrated section is now known as Genetic Resources And Bio-Systematics ('GRABS'). The collection known as Herbarium Australiense is still the responsibility of this section and the section leader is therefore also known as Curator, like his predecessors. Genetic Resources developed out of one of the earliest sections known as 'Plant Introduction' under Mr. William Hartley, the name change following a shift in emphasis over the years. As the Plant Industry part of the herbarium was originally set up within Plant Introduction about 50 years ago, it appears that we have now gone full circle.

Professor E. Arthur B e l l succeeded Mr. Brennan as Director of Kew Gardens, in the beginning of November 1981. Educated at Dame Allan's School, Newcastle, and at the University of Durham and Dublin, he lectured in biochemistry in Dublin. He became Professor of Botany in Austin, Texas, in Kansas, Sierra Leone, and Commonwealth Visiting Fellow in Aus-

tralia. He was Professor of Biology and Head of the Department of Plant Sciences at King's College, London, since 1972, Dean of Natural Sciences since 1980. He published more than 100 titles, was Chairman of the Phytochemical Society of Europe, Council Member of the Linnean Society, Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and of the Royal Institution. When we met at the Rain Forest Symposium at Leeds in April 1982, he told me spontaneously about his liking for the new job.

Dr. Birgitta Bremer (S) took her Ph.D. degree at Stockholm University in December 1980. She is now engaged on Argostemma and Steenisia (Rubiaceae) mainly from the Malesian area.

Dr. Kare Bremer is now Curator of the S-Herbarium. He continues work on Melastomataceae, Memecylon in particular.

Professor J. P. M. Brenan, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, retired in October 1981. He graduated from Oxford University in 1940 and joined the Imperial Forestry Institute there. In 1948 he moved to Kew and joined the Tropical African Section and contributed much to the Flora of Tropical East Africa, and also the Flora Zambesiaca and the second edition of the Flora of West Tropical Africa. His greatest contributions have been to legumes, chenopods, commelinas and acacias. In 1959 he took charge of the Tropical African Section and in 1965 became Deputy Director and Keeper of the Herbarium. In 1976 he became Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens. During his years as Director he was made a Visiting Professor to the University of Reading (1977) where he now will spend more time, an Honorary Member of the Sociedade Broteriana and awarded the Victorian Medal of Honour by the Royal Horticultural Society (1978) and in 1979 was given one of the Willdenow Medals from the Berlin Botanic Garden. In 1981, the year of his retirement, he was elected President of the Botanical Society of the British Isles. Under his directorship, Kew continued to give very much and essential collaboration to the Flora Malesiana effort. We wish him well!

Mr. Gordon Congdon, who spent 2 years in S. Thailand where he collected, based on Songkla University, has become a graduate student at A, under Dr. P.S. Ashton.

Mr. R. Cranfill (UC) travelled to Japan and Taiwan to visit herbaria and to study ferns, especially Woodwardia. While his thesis, in preparation, will deal with Tectarioid ferns of the New World, the journey strengthened his interest in the Malesian region.

Dr. Christopher Davidson (born 1944), Botany Curator, Nat. Hist. Museum, 900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007, U.S.A. gave details of his Ph.D. trip to Malesia, 6 months in 1970, to study Datisceae. He went to Manila, Hong Kong, North Borneo, Malaya, West Java, Bali, Sydney, East New Guinea. He observed and collected but much alcohol material never arrived. While most of his work is on the Neotropics (e.g. wood anatomy of Piperaceae), he retains an interest in Malesia.

Mr. Stephen D a v i s was recently appointed at the Threatened Plants Committee, Kew, for the Old World East of Africa. Early in 1982 he paid a visit to Leiden to discuss things with Dr. M. Jacobs.

Dr. D. B. D e b, retired at age 58 on 31 March 1982, continues work as Emeritus Scientist, on Rubiaceae and Liliaceae. His address: BB 109, Salt Lake City Extn., Calcutta 7 000 64 India.

After his retirement as Director of the CANB-Herbarium, Dr. H. J. E i c h l e r is working full-time on his revisions of Australian Zygophyllaceae and Hydrocotyle (Umbelliferae). For the latter, he has just completed a world-wide 'nomenclator' with long bibliography.

Mr. Ary P. E v e r a a r t s, student of weeds (see Reviews) took up a job in this sector with CELOS, Box 1914, Paramaribo, Suriname, to c. 1984.

Dr. R. E. H o l t t u m, 86, after his election as President of the newly established International Association of Pteridologists at Sydney, during the course of personal visits to relatives and friends, visited the Herbarium and University at Melbourne, the Herbarium at Perth, the new National University of Singapore (which unites the two former universities in the island Republic), the Botanic Garden at Singapore, the universities at Kuala Lumpur and Serdang and the Forest Research Institute at Kepong. From Penang he was kindly taken by road once more to Cameron Highlands, where he noted the increasing spread on roadsides of several species of ferns which were formerly unknown in the area; he also found a plant of a species of Chingia (Thelypteridaceae) not previously known in Malaya, in a thicket which has replaced the mossy forest near the summit of Gunong Brinchang.

A personal view on orchids, p. 16-24, phot. in J. Arditti (ed.), Orchid Biology (1977 Cornell, Ithaca), describes the development of his interest in the course of his career.

Dr. R. D. H o o g l a n d, Senior Fellow at the Australian National University, Canberra, until he retired late in 1979, left in July 1981, with Leiden as destination. On the way, he visited the Northern Territory to study Hibbertia (Dilleniaceae) in the field, then went to Bali, Java, and Malaya to observe and collect mainly Saurauja. He visited the Herbaria of Bogor, Singapore, Peradeniya, and Calcutta. In October he arrived at the Rijksherbarium, where he has taken up residence, working on Cunoniaceae.

Dr. Shiu-ying H u of the Arnold Arboretum, now in her 70's, made a tour in her native China, between September 1980 and February 1981, attending symposia and lecturing, indefatigably.

Dr. K. I w a t s u k i, while continuing as professor at Kyoto, has been appointed Professor of Plant Taxonomy at the Botanical Gardens, Koishikawa, Faculty of Science, University of Tokyo, Tokyo 113, from 1 April 1981; the TI-Herbarium.

Dr. A. C. J e r m y of the BM after the Botanical Congress spent a fortnight in W. Java, studying and collecting ferns in Cibodas and the Halimun Reserve.

Dr. Kwiton J o n g (ABD) was from mid-September in Sabah, Sarawak, Malaya, Penang, and Singapore to mid-December 1981 to collect cytological samples from many wild fruit trees and Dipterocarpaceae. He was lucky in finding heavy flowering and fruiting in Sarawak.

Dr. A. K a n i s (CANB) is continuing work on Amaranthaceae for Australia and has embarked on the Mimosaceae other than Acacia. He made a 6-week specialist collecting trip through the rain forests in NE. Queensland.

Dr. M. K a t o moves from KYO to Botanical Garden, Nikko, Faculty of Science, Tokyo 113.

At HBG, Dr. Ursula K ü h n is writing up Myristicaceae and Nyctaginaceae for a new Genera Plantarum, edited by Professor K. K u b i t z k i. She took her degree on a monograph of Oplismenus (Gramineae) with Professor Scholz in Berlin.

Mr. Chen-meng K u o from Botany, National Taiwan University, Taipei, arrived in October 1982 at the Z-Herbarium, Zürich to work on the plant geography of pteridophytes from Formosa, a Ph.D. thesis with Professor K.U. Kramer. The fern flora now estimated at c. 500 sp., consists of several elements, Japanese, general E. Asiatic, Central Asian, high-montane, and tropical. The study will take 3-4 years.

Professor Kai L a r s e n (AAH) was elected President of the International Association of Botanical Gardens, at the Canberra meeting in 1981.

He and Mrs. Supee L a r s e n (AAH) visited Bogor in August 1981 to look at Bauhinia and Zingiberaceae.

Dr. Peter S. L a v a r a c k, Senior Botanist, new address: Northern Regional Centre, Parks & Wildlife, Marlow Street, Pallarenda, Townsville, Qld. 4810, Australia. He will be working on endangered flora, and orchids in particular, also on the coastal wetlands in the vicinity.

Mr. M. L a z a r i d e s of CANB went to Kew to study grass genera for a year from mid-1981.

Mr. J. F. M a x w e l l, in 1980 appointed as Curator in the Parks & Recreation Department, Singapore, prepared a big thesis on the Dissochaeta group (Melastomataceae). Hopefully the work will earn him a Ph.D. His revision of Pternandra (15 sp., Gard. Bull. 34: 1-90. 1981) gives an impression of his taxonomic abilities.

Mr. Weerachai N a n a k o r n, with a DANIDA grant, took up Combretaceae for Thailand at AAH.

Dr. Richard P r i m a c k from the Arnold Arboretum, studied in Sarawak the wild Artocarpus and Ficus species to learn about their diversity and population structure.

Mr. M. R o o s, who did a stint of field work in Sumatra, has been appointed at U to work on ferns. He finished a book on Platyterium.

Mr. Takashi S a t o, associated with the KYO-Herbarium, was stationed in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, and collected on Mt Kinabalu, for the university in this place.

Dr. Benjamin S t o n e of KLU during his sabbatical travelled European Herbaria late in 1980 and early in 1981, then as a Mercer Fellow worked in March-July 1981 in the Arnold Herbarium, on Pandanaceae and Rutaceae, altogether completing six manuscripts. He proceeded to Tahiti for field work, then to New Caledonia, then to North Queensland, then (through Sydney) to E. New Guinea.

Mr. D. D. T i r v e n g a d u m received a grant of the Danish Ministry of Education for study of Randia (Rubiaceae) at AAH.

Mr. A. U b o l c h o l a k e t from Thailand visited the Rijksherbarium to update his ms. of Gentianaceae for the Flora of Thailand.

On 20 October 1981 Mr. P. C. v a n W e l z e n, a student of Dr. J. F. Veldkamp, received the Professor H.J. Lam medal for his work on Arthraxon (Blumea 27: 255-300. 1981).

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Ms. Elizabeth A. W i d j a j a, who was on the staff of the BO-Herbarium from 1975 to 1979 working on bamboo (M.Sc. Bandung Padjadjaran University 1976), was then transferred to the Plant Biology & Genetic Resources Program, LBN at Bogor, to work on Amorphophallus (Araceae). In 1980 she went to Birmingham University in U.K. to take an M.Sc. about the latter (taxonomy including morphology, chemistry, anatomy of A. campanulatus) on 23 September 1981. She now has taken up bamboo again, viz. taxonomy of Gigantochloa, for a Ph.D. She hopes, under the Birmingham umbrella, with Kew as a base (where Dr. Soejatmi Soenarko is also working), to do two years of field work in Indonesia, then to finish the job in Britain.