

VIII. THE PROSEA PROGRAMME
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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Dr. P. S. FAYLON (PCARRD, Los Baños) succeeded per March 1992 Dr. B. P. DEL ROSARIO (PCARRD, Los Baños) as Programme Leader of PROSEA in the Philippines.

Mr. L. S. ANEMA (BO) resigned on September 1, 1992, as Head of the Network Office (BO). Dr. J. KARTASUBRATA (BO) has been assigned as his successor.

Dr. P. SIAGURU (UNITECH, Lae) succeeded Dr. M. BALOLOI and Dr. GURNAH as Programme Leader of PROSEA in Papua New Guinea. Ms. R. MATU is the Country Officer.

From 28–30 September 1992, the second PROSEA Board of Trustees Meeting was held in Prapat, North Sumatra. Some highlights:

- Concerning the future structure of the PROSEA Foundation a gradual development of the Network Office (BO) into a PROSEA Headquarters is foreseen, whereas the Publication Office (WAG) will purely focus on scientific editing. The Network should take the lead in further developing the South-East Asia Plant Resources Information System (SAPRIS). Necessary personnel development in the Network will receive urgent attention.
- Fund raising in 1992 developed satisfactorily. Contributing agencies for the budget in 1993 are the same as for 1992 with one addition. Especially the substantial ITTO contribution for the PROSEA books on Timber trees, approved at the ITTO Meeting in Yaounde, Cameroon, 6–14 May 1992, and funded by the Japanese Government, was welcomed.
- The PROSEA Workshop, initially planned for 1993, is postponed until 1994.
- Within the PROSEA Network in SE Asia, a self-evaluation on the documentation system SAPRIS and the functioning of the Country Offices will be performed, followed by an external consultancy.
- Especially welcomed was a complete set of the CATALOG database, giving up to date literature references on all commodity group species, as far as published from 1970 onwards.

On 7–11 December 1992, the 4th PROSEA Country Officers Meeting was held in BO. Main topics were: progress in the development of the PROSEA databases (SAPRIS), how to perform the self-evaluation, distribution of the low-price editions of the PROSEA books, popularization of the information gathered in the PROSEA books and closer involvement of the Country Offices in the preparation of the PROSEA books.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Low price paperback editions of PROSEA 1: Pulses, PROSEA 2: Edible fruits and nuts, PROSEA 3: Dye and tannin-producing plants, and PROSEA 4: Forages, are available now at the Network Office in BO and at all PROSEA Country Offices in SE Asia. The price

differs per book and per country, but is low, ranging from US\$ 10 to 20. These paperback editions are only for sale for people in developing countries of SE Asia and the Pacific.

PROSEA 4: Forages. Editors: L. 't Mannelje (WAG) & R.M. Jones (CSIRO). PUDOC, Wageningen, 1992. 300 pages, hardbound. ISBN 90-220-1032-5. Hfl. 275.00, US\$ 183.00.

The book contains an introductory chapter of 18 pages, textual treatments of 114 taxa, all illustrated, and two lists of about 500 species which have been noted as being used for forage in the major historical handbooks on economically useful plants of SE Asia.

In the Philippines, a set of 76 extension leaflets on plasticized paper on 'Edible fruits and nuts' has been prepared. The leaflets give practical and theoretical information for farmers, based on the PROSEA volume.

In Indonesia a similar initiative has been taken and several leaflets have been printed already.

For availability, price and more information please contact the respective Country Offices.

COMMODITY GROUPS PROGRESSES (situation April 1993)

PROSEA 5(1): Timber trees. Major commercial timbers. Editors: I. Soerianegara (BO) & R.H.M.J. Lemmens (WAG).

Editorial work on the 51 papers dealing with about 700 species has been finished and all papers have been sent to the associate editors for comments. Final work (language correction, incorporation of editorial comments, introductory chapter, drawings and microphotographs) is in full swing and will be finished in May. In May also a final editorial meeting will take place at the Publication Office in WAG. Publication can be expected October–November 1993. It will be the largest PROSEA volume up to now, with more than 500 pages.

PROSEA 5(2): Timber trees. Minor commercial timbers. Editors: I. Soerianegara (BO), R.H.M.J. Lemmens (WAG) & W.C. Wong (FRIM).

A first editorial meeting will be held in May in WAG. For this volume, Dr. W.C. Wong (FRIM, Malaysia) will strengthen the editorial team as third editor. It is planned to treat 60 genera in the book and cooperation is requested for general treatments, wood anatomy and wood properties. The genera are: *Acacia*, *Actinodaphne*, *Aglaiia*, *Ailanthus*, *Artocarpus*, *Atuna*, *Azadirachta*, *Bischofia*, *Canarium*, *Cantleya*, *Castanopsis*, *Cedrela*, *Chloroxylon*, *Chukrasia*, *Coelostegia*, *Copaifera*, *Cryptocarya*, *Dacrycarpus*, *Dacrydium*, *Dehaasia*, *Dillenia*, *Diospyros*, *Duabanga*, *Durio*, *Dyera*, *Elmerrillia*, *Endiandra*, *Eugenia*, *Fagraea*, *Falcatifolium*, *Gluta*, *Gymnacranthera*, *Kokoona*, *Koordersiodendron*, *Libocedrus*, *Lithocarpus*, *Litsea*, *Mangifera*, *Mesua*, *Myristica*, *Nageia*, *Nothaphoebe*, *Nothofagus*, *Ochanostachys*, *Parishia*, *Pentaspadon*, *Phyllocladus*, *Pithecellobium*, *Podocarpus*, *Quercus*, *Santiria*, *Sterculia*, *Swintonia*, *Syzygium*, *Terminalia*, *Toona*, *Triomma*, *Vitex*, *Wrightia*, and *Xylia*. If you are interested, please contact Dr. R.H.M.J. Lemmens in WAG.

PROSEA 6: Rattans. Editors: J. Dransfield (K) & N. Manokaran (FRIM). Co-ordinator: E. Westphal (WAG).

This volume will contain 24 papers covering major rattans and 106 minor rattans will receive summarized treatments. Work is in its final phase and publication can be expected October–November 1993.

PROSEA 7: Bamboos. Editors: S. Dransfield (K) & E.A. Widjaja (BO). Co-ordinator: P.C.M. Jansen (WAG).

Work is progressing slowly, mainly due to hospitalization of Dr. S. Dransfield. Fortunately Ms. Dransfield is recovering well and is taking up work again. Quite some editorial work still has to be done and publication cannot be expected in 1993.

PROSEA 8: Vegetables. Editors: J.S. Siemonsma (WAG) & K. Piluek (Thailand).

Work is progressing slower than initially hoped for, mainly due to other duties of Dr. J.S. Siemonsma as Head of the Publication Office. Nevertheless, editorial work reaches its final phase. Most manuscripts have been sent already to the associate editors and comments being incorporated. The minor treatments are ready and language correction of most papers has taken place. Publication may be expected towards the end of 1993.

PROSEA 9: Plants mainly producing carbohydrates. Editors: M. Flach (WAG) & F. Rumawas (BO). Co-ordinator: E. Westphal (WAG).

The list of species is being evaluated and commented upon by the editors. The first editors' meeting and active start of this volume is planned for mid-1993.

PROSEA 10: Cereals. Editors: still to be contacted. Co-ordinator: J.S. Siemonsma (WAG).

A preliminary list of 15 major species has been prepared. Work will start in the course of this year.

PROSEA 11: Auxiliary plants. Editors: F.H. Ibrahim (UPM, Malaysia) & L.J.G. van der Maesen (WAG). Co-ordinator: L.P.A. Oyen (WAG).

The first editors' meeting was held in WAG beginning of March 1993. Discussed were the major and minor lists of species, the overlap with other commodity groups, potential authors, introductory chapter, problem of fuelwood and the time schedule. About 100 major papers are planned. The first invitations to authors will be mailed in April 1993. A 2nd editors' meeting is planned for October–November 1993 in Malaysia.

PROSEA 12: Medicinal plants.

No progress to report.