

**VIII. THE PROSEA PROGRAMME
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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Prof. A. Soegiarto has retired from his function as Vice-Chairman of LIPI in Indonesia, but he will remain LIPI representative in and chairman of the PROSEA Board of Trustees.

Dr. J. Kartasubrata (BO) has been reappointed as Head of the PROSEA Network Office in BO.

Between 4 and 6 November 1996, the 6th meeting of the PROSEA Board of Trustees was held in Saraburi, Thailand. Some highlights:

- The Agreements of Cooperation for 1996–2000 between the six SE Asian Institutes and the PROSEA Foundation have all been extended and signed. The Agreement with Wageningen Agricultural University (WAU) will be extended on a yearly basis.
- Thinking of PROSEA beyond the year 2000, the Board agrees that it is worth exploring the possibility of exporting the methodology of PROSEA to other continents, but as an activity financially separate from the PROSEA Foundation. WAU finances part of a feasibility study to explore possibilities for a kind of PROSEA Programme for tropical Africa.
- On 3 May 1996 in The Hague, The Netherlands, a third contract for financial support to PROSEA for the period 1996–2000 by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate-General for International Cooperation (DGIS) was signed by Dr. A.P.M. van der Zon on behalf of DGIS, and Prof. A. Soegiarto on behalf of PROSEA. The continuous support of DGIS is essential and highly appreciated by the PROSEA Foundation.

Dr. S. Wirjoatmodjo, head of the Research and Development Centre for Biology-LIPI, has replaced Dr. R.E. Nasution as of 1 May 1996 as Programme Leader of PROSEA Indonesia.

Dr. S. Brotonegoro has been appointed as scientific officer at the Network Office in Bogor as of 1 February 1997.

Mr. M. Brink has been appointed as agronomy officer at the Publication Office in Wageningen as of September 1996.

Dr. R.H.M.J. Lemmens (WAG) resigned as PROSEA Publication Office staff member as of 1 May 1997. He has been succeeded by Dr. J.L.C.H. van Valkenburg. Lemmens accepted a permanent staff position at the Plant Taxonomy Department of WAU. He left his mark on quite some PROSEA publications (Basic List, Dyes and tannins, Timber trees) and his dedication, enthusiasm, competence, and collegiality will be badly missed. Fortunately he will remain editor for the first volume on Medicinal and poisonous plants.

In *Fl. Males. Bull.* 11/8 (p. 507) two national workshops on the dissemination of PROSEA information were already mentioned for Indonesia and Vietnam. Similar workshops were held in Malaysia on 20 and 21 January 1996 at FRIM (Kepong) with 22 participants, on 22 March 1996 in Thailand (Bangkok) with more than 120 participants, on 21 and 22 October 1996 at PCARRD in the Philippines with 30 participants and on 27 November 1996 in Lae, Papua New Guinea with 32 participants. In general it was stated that PROSEA information is most directly useful to scientific institutions and as reference materials in tertiary and professional education. Easy access to the PROSEA databases and production of low price PROSEA CD-ROMs was recommended.

Following the annual meeting of the PROSEA Country Officers (3 and 4 June 1996 in Kuala Lumpur) a training and workshop on the dissemination of PROSEA information was held (5–7 June) in the same place. Dr. C. Lantican and Dr. N.T. Vergara acted as resource persons and principal commentators on the PROSEA staff presentations. It was concluded that target groups for PROSEA information should include policy makers and institutions, e. g. town councils for urban forest management.

The PROSEA Malaysia Country Office at FRIM organized on 9 and 10 December 1996 a workshop on tree management in urban areas in Malaysia. In total 40 persons attended the workshop including representatives from municipalities, private nurseries, landscape architects, contractors and researchers. The discussions evolved around forestry and landscaping techniques and the workshop was felt useful, informative and relevant to the work of the participants, deserving repetition regularly and preferably extended with side visits and courses related to urban forestry.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

PROSEA 11: Auxiliary plants. Editors: F.H. Ibrahim (FRIM) & L.J.G. van der Maesen (WAG). Hardbound edition: Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, 1997. 389 pages. ISBN 90-73348-66-8. NLG 215, US\$ c. 110. Low price paperback edition: PROSEA, Bogor, 1997. ISBN 979-8316-32-0. Price c. US\$ 15.

The book contains an introductory chapter (28 pp.), an alphabetical treatment of 78 crops important in agriculture or forestry as shade or nurse tree, cover crop, green manure, mulch, fallow crop, fence, wind-break, shelter-belt, live support, erosion controlling plant, or as fuel wood or water-clearing agent (215 pp.), an alphabetical treatment of 107 genera and species of minor auxiliary plants (44 pp.), a list of 150 auxiliary plants with other primary use (14 pp.), a literature list (9 pp.) and a glossary (16 pp.). In total 83 authors contributed.

PROSEA Bibliography 5 (2): Timber trees: Minor commercial timbers. Editors: N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (BO) & S. Danimihardja (BO). PROSEA, Bogor, 1996. 175 pages, 1024 records. ISBN 979-8316-33-9. Price US\$ 10. Available at the PROSEA Network in SE Asia.

PROSEA Bibliography 7: Bamboos. Editors: N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (BO) and S. Danimihardja (BO). PROSEA, Bogor, 1996. 87 pages, 506 records. ISBN 979-8316-26-6. Price US\$ 7. Available at the PROSEA Network in SE Asia.

COMMODITY GROUPS PROGRESSES (situation August 1997)

PROSEA 5 (3): Timber trees: Lesser-known timbers. Editors: M. S. M. Sosef (WAG), L. T. Hong (FRIM) and S. Prawirohatmodjo (Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta). Coordinator: M. S. M. Sosef.

Work is progressing well and comes into its final phase. All 309 manuscripts are now available and only a minor number still needs processing of comments of general and associate editors and English correction. The aim is to illustrate 80% of the manuscripts with wood-anatomical photographs – 224 are already available. About one-third of the manuscripts will be accompanied by a line-drawing – 90 are available already. Most of the wood anatomy descriptions and codes are available thanks to the Wood Anatomy Workshop at FRIM November 1996 (215 genera) and the work thereafter by instructors and participants. All data for the table on wood-properties have been compiled. In WAG, on 28 and 29 April 1997 the 11th editors meeting was held. The ITTO Steering Committee met on 25 March 1997 in Jakarta. It is expected that the manuscript can go to the printers by the end of 1997 – this volume will be the most voluminous one of the trio – we expect about 900 pages.

PROSEA 12 (1): Medicinal and poisonous plants. Editors: L. S. de Padua (UPLB, Los Baños, Philippines), N. Bunyaphrathasara (Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand), and R. H. M. J. Lemmens (WAG). Coordinator: J. L. C. H. van Valkenburg (WAG).

The work as coordinator has been taken over from Lemmens who left the PROSEA staff to join the permanent staff of the Plant Taxonomy Department of WAU per 1 May 1997 by Van Valkenburg.

Work is progressing well. Some of the genera were translocated to other PROSEA commodity groups – for volume 12 (1) now 89 genera remain. About 65 manuscripts have been received, 50 of which went through a first editorial round. Especially to check and update pharmacological data, Dr. S. Horsten (U) is cooperating part-time and he checked about 20 papers. About 45 drawings have been prepared already. From 16–20 June 1997 an editorial meeting was held in WAG. Discussed were especially: possible solutions for the missing manuscripts and the writing and lay-out of the introductory chapter (for more details see the PROSEA Newsletter).

PROSEA 13: Spices. Editors: C. C. de Guzman (UPLB) & J. S. Siemonsma (WAG). Coordinator: J. S. Siemonsma.

This volume will comprise about 50 major species and 75 minor ones. The authors for the major species were invited early 1997 and about 25 manuscripts have been received. First drafts for about half the number of minor species have been prepared. Editorial work has been done for a few manuscripts.

PROSEA 14: Vegetable oils and fats. Coordination: Publication Office (WAG).

Preparatory work for this volume slowly continued. A tentative list of 22 major species (genera) and 23 minor ones has been prepared. Editors and authors still have to be identified and contacted.

PROSEA 15: Cryptogams. Editors: W. F. Prud'homme van Reine (L) & T. H. Quimio (UPLB). Coordinators: J. S. Siemonsma (WAG) for algae, P. C. M. Jansen (WAG) for fungi & N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (BO) for ferns.

Due to other obligations Dr. M.A. Rifai withdrew as editor and author for this volume. Fortunately Quimio is willing to take his place. Work on the volume progresses slowly. For the algae, almost all manuscripts have been submitted but still need editing. Prud'homme is working on the introductory chapter. For the fungi section, 43 new invitations were sent out to authors in December 1996. Of the planned 68 papers first drafts of 33 were submitted and only a few have been edited already. For the fern section 24 manuscripts of the 48 have been submitted. Since July 1997, Soetjpto and Dr. D. Darnaedi (BO) coordinate work for the fern section.

PROSEA 16: Stimulants. Editors: H.A.M. van der Vossen & M. Wessel (both WAG). Coordinator: S. Brotonegoro (BO).

Preparatory work for this volume has started since February 1997 by the appointment of Brotonegoro as coordinator for this volume. In June 1997 he stayed for about 1 month at the Publication Office in WAG and a brief first meeting with the editors took place. Proposed are 25 major species (genera) and about 35 minor ones. Authors are being sought and it is hoped that the invitations can be sent end of August 1997.

PROSEA 19: Essential-oil plants. Editor and coordinator: L.P.A. Oyen (WAG), while a second editor still has to be found.

About 25 major and 25 minor species will be treated. Early 1997 authors have been invited and about 15 manuscripts were submitted of which 12 have been edited. For about 10 minor species first drafts have been prepared.