

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

*(Obituaries, personal news, etc.)
(continued from Volume 11, page 29)*

BAUMANN-BODENHEIM, MARCEL GUSTAV (Baden, Switzerland, 26 January 1920–*)
M. C. BAUMANN-BODENHEIM, *Trisyngyne*, Syst. Fl. Nouv. Caléd. 1 1992: 12–18, biogr.,
bibliogr., portr. (partly repeated in subsequent volumes).

Dr. H. M. BURKILL (K) has been appointed an Honorary Research Fellow ('Emphasis is on the first word!') by the Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He is continuing his work on West African economic botany, the second part of which is expected to be published in 1993.

The former Director's House at SING has been named 'Burkill Hall'.

CRONQUIST, ARTHUR [San Jose (CA), U.S.A., 19 March 1919 – Provo (UT), U.S.A., 22 March 1992]

L. J. DORR, A. S. P. T. Newsl. 6 (1992) 6–7; D. HAMMOND, In Memoriam Arthur Cronquist: an appreciation, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 119: 458–463, portr.; T. M. BARKLEY, Arthur Cronquist (1919–1992), Taxon 42 (1993) 480–488, portr., biogr., bibliogr.

K. DAMAS (LAE) in November 1992 obtained his B.Sc. and has been elevated to a botanist position.

EICHLER, HANSJÖRG (Ravensburg, Germany, 1 April 1916 – Berlin, 22 June 1992)
Fl. Males. I, 8, 1 (1974) xxxi–xxxii; notes by various authors, Austr. Syst. Bot. Soc. Newsl. 26 (1981) 18–43 (biogr. data 37–43); R. DAVIES (Ed.), Taxon 41 (1992) 791.

FOSBERG, FRANCIS RAYMOND (Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., 20 May 1908–*)

D. R. STODDART (Ed.), Major publications on tropical islands and coral atolls: a select-ed list (excluding shorter taxonomic papers). In F. Raymond Fosberg and the Atoll Research Bulletin 1951–1991, Atoll Res. Bull. 355 (1992) 19–24.

GEESINK, ROB (Harlingen, the Netherlands, 8 September 1945 – Amsterdam, 2 September 1992)

F. ADEMA, J. RIDDER-NUMAN & A. SCHOT, In Memoriam, *Beanbag* 36 (1992) 2–3; P. BAAS & R. ZANDEE, Robert Geesink 1945–1992, *Blumea* 37 (1993) 265–271, portr., biogr., epon., bibliogr. (by C.W.J. LUT); P.C. VAN WELZEN & V.V. SIVARAJAN, In memoriam: Rob Geesink (1945–1992), *Theoretical biologist, systematist, and free-time engineer*, *Rheeda* 2 (1992) 167–168.

The Rijksherbarium suffered a terrible loss with the sudden death of Rob Geesink at the age of nearly 47.

I remember when he came to the Rijksherbarium to assist me at the Course in Angiosperm Taxonomy, which he did not so much out of love for plant taxonomy as for the money. He was much more interested in paleozoology, but now in close proximity to Van Steenis he was soon press-ganged into tropical plants. The two got on very well sharing dedicated intellect, a fierce honesty, and a somewhat rough humour. For his Master's Degree ('doctorandus' or 'Drs.' in Dutch, which he obtained with honours, 'cum laude') he revised *Portulaca* and subsequently the whole family for the Flora Malesiana, and was then set on the *Leguminosae*. His first attempt, a revision of the genus *Millettia* for his Ph.D. was unsuccessful as the tribal and generic delimitations were a mess and those had to be solved before the specific ones could be tackled. To show his old love he included a chapter on fossil rats in his thesis 'Scala Millettiearum'. After the Ph.D. ceremonies he threw a medieval party in an old castle, where he made all dress up and eat with their hands. Van Steenis loved it.

He was a great tinkerer, designing ingenious devices for measuring the effect of water on various shapes of leaves, do-it-yourself altimeters (*Flora Malesiana Bulletin* 35, 1982, 327), sloshing machines to imitate coastal waves, hybridizing motor cycles, and developing a revolutionary exhaust for them.

He always wanted to know the how and why which steered him irrevocably into questions on the definitions of taxonomic concepts, and then into cladistics and historical biogeography, as is shown by his thesis and many subsequent contributions. He also tried to apply thermodynamic laws and entropy to these subjects.

In his last year he was preparing to move out of legume taxonomy altogether and into these exalted circles. This move was also influenced by the great disenchantment he had obtained during his function as Project Leader of the Tropical Group at the Rijksherbarium where he felt frustrated and fettered by the bureaucratic inertness inherent to Universities, funding organizations, and the individualism (similar to his own) of colleagues. Liking fast motors and quick decisions this was not his way at all.

During the courses we taught together we had become very impressed by the key to families of flowering plants by Thonner (1918), and had often mused about their usefulness if someone would update it and translate it into English. So, one day, with some initial work by Toon Leeuwenberg as a base, he and Colin Ridsdale sat down and started to do it, regardless of the time it would take to finish such a work. I soon joined the two and we spent several years on 'Thonnerstagabend' (pun for Thursday evening) plodding through the various stages of completion. Finally, armed with good cigars and wine of which he was a connoisseur, Rob and I read each other the German and English versions during a week at Eastern. We have kept making notes and he actually had started initial negotiations with a publisher for a second edition when he was struck down by a cerebral haemorrhage while riding a motorcart he had made for his son.

We lost a good friend. — J.F. Veldkamp.

GIDEON, OSIA (Kitava Isl., Papua New Guinea, 10 August 1959–*)
Personal profile in FRI Newsl. 1/2 (1993) 5–6, portr.

GUEST, EVAN RHUVON (London, U.K., 24 January 1902 – London, 4 March 1992)
Between 1934 and 1940 employed with ICI (Malaya) as an agricultural advisor, and with the Rubber Institute, Kuala Lumpur. Well-known authority on and co-editor of the Flora of Iraq. His Malesian collections are presumably at the Rubber Institute, or in K. He was not mentioned in Flora Malesiana I, vol. 1, 5, or 8..

HATTORI, SINSKE (Obi, Nichinan, Japan, 10 August 1915 – Nichinan, 12 May 1992)
Anon., In Memoriam, Crypt., Bryol. & Lich. 13 (1992) 277, photo; N. KITAGAWA, Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 43: 82 (In Japanese); H. ANDO, Hommage à Sinske Hattori (1915–1992), Crypt., Bryol. & Lich. 14 (1993) 83–89, portr., major publications (In French). Eminent hepatologist (*Frullania!*) and Director of the Hattori Botanical Laboratory.

HOLTTUM, RICHARD ERIC — A Symposium in honour of his 100th birthday and dedicated to *Orchidaceae* is being organized at K. It will take place between 17–21 July, 1995.

Dr. M. H. P. JEBB (CRI) will be succeeded as Director of the Christensen Research Institute, Madang, by Dr. L. ORSAK, an entomologist with particular interest in insect ecology and long-term conservation of Papua New Guinea biodiversity. Dr. Jebb will remain at CRI to do his own research.

JERMY, A. CLIVE. (Strumpshaw, U.K., 1932–*)
Fl. Males. I, 8, 1 (1974) 1–li, portr.; J.M. CAMUS, A.C. Jermy, Taxon 42, 1993, 477–479. Brief biography on the occasion of Dr. Jermy's retirement on 2 July 1992 after 32 years as Head of the Fern Section there, followed by two years as Head of the Curation Section. Since almost his first action on retirement was to plan a collecting trip to Nepal and South India, his many colleagues will be reassured to know that his interests in pteridophytes and conservation issues are unabated. His botanical activities will continue to be based in the Department of Botany, BM. Research on pteridophytes is maintained through Ms. J.M. CAMUS and their curation through Ms. A.M. PAUL.

Dr. K. KARTAWINATA, formerly of UNESCO/ROSTSEA, Jakarta, has taken an early retirement and from 1 November 1992 has assumed a new position at the MacArthur Foundation as a senior programme officer managing the environment and resources programme for Asia and the Pacific. His new address is: World Environment and Resources Program, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 140 S. Dearborn St., Suite 1100, Chicago (Ill.) 60603-5285, U.S.A., tel. (312) 726-8000, fax. (312) 917-0334.

Mr. M. KUDUK, formerly of UPNG and WAU, has been appointed in LAE as Senior Botanist.

Mr. M. LAZARIDES (CANB) retired on February 26, 1993. His expertise in grass taxonomy will be greatly missed, but he will continue his invaluable work on a part-time basis during 1993.

Dr. LEE SU SEE (formerly at ABD) has successfully defended her Ph.D. on ectomycorrhizas of dipterocarps and has now returned to FRIM.

Dr. G. MAURY-LÉCHON has moved to I.A.S.B.S.E., URA-CNRS 243, Université Claude Bernard, Lyon I, 43 Bd. du 11 Novembre 1918, F-69622 Villeurbanne Cedex, France [Fax: (33) 78 89 27 19]. For those unfamiliar with the abbreviations this is the Laboratory of Biometry, Genetics and Population Biology of the Lyon University.

Dr. W. MEIJER (KY) after his 70th birthday had to retire in July 1993 (not his wish!). A Symposium on 25 years of floristics and vegetation at the Kentucky State University was organized in his honour. He vigorously continues his fieldwork in Peru, Upper Amazonia, and Malesia.

MULDER, DERK. Dutch orchidologist, Wageningen, the Netherlands, at the age of 79 died on 21 March 1993; obituary by A. SCHUTTEMAN in *Orchideeën* 93/2 (1993) 21, portr.

Mr. R.R. PAMA has been appointed as an Assistant Herbarium Officer at BSIP in February, 1993.

PERRY, LILY MAY (Havelock, New Brunswick, Canada, 5 January 1895 – Hingham, Massachusetts, U.S.A., 11 March 1992)

R.A. HOWARD, *Taxon* 41 (1992) 792–796, portr., bibliogr.; Lily May Perry 1895–1992, *Harvard Pap. Bot.* 4: 86–87.

Well-known collaborator of E.D. Merrill, together publishing many names of especially New Guinea species.

Vanroyenella Novelo & Philbrick (*Podostemaceae*), *Syst. Bot.* 18 (1993) 64, was named after Dr. P. VAN ROYEN.

Dr. I.M. SAID, former student of Dr. A. LATIFF (UKM) has been appointed as Forest Officer at BRUN. He has studied the *Myrsinaceae* of the Malay Peninsula, and worked at FRIM for about a year.

SCHLECHTER, FRIEDRICH RICHARD RUDOLF (1872–1925)

A. NICHOLAS, The asclepiadaceous works of Rudolf F. Schlechter, *Willdenowia* 22 (1992) 215–264, portr., bibliography, index to names mentioned there, index to people and collectors, index to collecting sites.

Dr. P. SIAGURU (formerly at ABD) has successfully defended his Ph.D. on the effect of shade on the growth of lowland forest tree seedlings in Papua New Guinea and has returned to UNITECH, Lae.

Mr. K. SIDIYASA (BZF) visited Leiden between 7 January and 7 March, 1993, for the preparation of the 'Trees of the Balikpapan–Samarinda area, East Kalimantan, Indonesia — A manual to selected species' together with Dr. P.J.A. Keßler (L).

STEARNS, WILLIAM THOMAS. (16 April 1911–*)

The *Bot. J. Linn. Soc.* 109/4 (1992) 435–574 was dedicated to his 80th birthday; interesting chapters are by S.M. WALTERS, W.T. Stearn: the complete naturalist, *Bot. J. Linn. Soc.* 109 (1992) 437–442; Anon., Publications by William T. Stearn on bibliographical,

botanical and horticultural subjects, 1977–1991; a chronological list, Bot. J. Linn. Soc. 109 (1992) 443–451, bringing up the number of publications to 437. Kew Magazine 9/1 was also dedicated to him and has pictures of him and his wife Ruth.

TISNA AMIDJAJA, DODDY ACHDIAT (Garut, Indonesia, 15 March 1925 – Hannover, Germany, 5 May 1993)

Anon., Kompas (7 May 1993), portr.

Prof. Dr. D.A. Tisna Amidjaja, the Indonesian Ambassador in Paris, died in the well-known Nordrhein-Westfalen Herz Zentrum near Hannover, following a bypass operation.

After a distinguished career in science Prof. Tisna, better known as Pak Doddy, served his country as ambassador in France since April 1989. He studied biology at the Universitas Indonesia in Bandung (now Institut Teknologi Bandung or ITB, acronym of the Herbarium FIPIA). His teachers amongst others included Prof. H.J. Toxopeus and L. van der Pijl. After obtaining his Masters' Degree ('doctorandus' or 'Drs.' in Indonesian) in 1953 he studied at the Friedrich Wilhelm University in Bonn taking his Ph.D. in 1956. After his return to Indonesia he was successively appointed Head of the Zoology Department of the ITB (1957–1959), Assistant Rector of the ITB (1963–1968), rector (1969–1977), Director general of Higher Education (1976–1984), and, finally, Chairman of the Indonesian Institute for Science (LIPI) (1984–1989). In this last capacity he showed great sympathy for the Flora Malesiana Project despite his zoological background. Among his many other functions and achievements, too many to enumerate here, it may be noted that he was also co-founder of SEAMO-BIOTROP.

He carried out all the above functions in a most charismatic, polite yet firm and efficient way, which made him highly respected, even adored by everyone he dealt with. I run short of superlatives to describe the virtues of this exceptional man; let it suffice to cite a comment by his driver when I stayed with Pak Doddy and his wife Ibu Dien in Paris in January 1992: 'Pak Doddy terl lu baik!' (Pak Doddy is much too good). I cannot agree more.

The premature death of Prof. Tisna is a great loss for his country, for science, and for his numerous friends. He is survived by his wife, three children, and two grandchildren. It is to them in the first place I want to express my deepest sympathy. — M.M.J. van Balgooy.

Father J.A.J. VERHEIJEN, the well-known collector and linguist, formerly of Ruteng, Flores, has retired and now lives in 'Sint Willibrord', Vlierdenseweg 109, 5753 AC Deurne, The Netherlands.

WALKER, EGBERT HAMILTON (Chicago, U.S.A., 12 June 1899 – Sandy Spring (Maryland), U.S.A., 10 March 1991)

F.G. MEYER, Taxon 41, 1992, 618–620, photo.

Well-known bibliographer of eastern Asian botany, author of the Flora of Okinawa and about 80 other scientific papers.

WEIBEL, RAYMOND (Veyrier, Switzerland, 25 May 1905 – Geneva, 1 January 1993)

M. JACOBS, Fl. Males. Bull. 35 (1982) 3722–3723; H.M. BURDET, In memoriam Raymond Weibel 1905–1993, Candollea 48 (1993) v–viii, ill., portr.

Important Swiss botanist, in Malesia best known for his work on *Elaeocarpus*, unfortunately remaining unfinished.

Dr. T.C. WHITMORE (Cambridge) was in May 1992 a guest professor at the Universität für Bodenkultur, Vienna, and a visiting professor at the Enime University, Japan, between September and November 1992, where he received an honorary doctor's degree.

Dr. D.E. YEN was designated as the 1992 Distinguished Economic Botanist by the Society for Economic Botany. See *Econ. Bot.* 47 (1993) 1–2, portr.