

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Dr. W.-L. CHEW has formerly been a curator in SING, staff member of NSW, attached to the IUCN until 1982 and to the United Nations in Thailand for conservation purposes until 1983. He has now returned to botany revitalizing his project on the Malesian Piperaceae on which he had worked before, publishing two precursory papers in the J. Arn. Arb. 53 (1972) 1—25, and Blumea 20 (1972) 145—149. He is eagerly looking for a sponsor or temporary Fellowship to finish the monograph which he thinks can be done in 2 years' time.

Dr. E.H.J. CORNER was awarded the First International Prize for Biology. This prize was established in 1985 by a consortium in Japan to mark the Emperor's longtime devotion to research in biology and in celebration of the 60th year of his accession. The 1985 award was designated for contributions in the field of taxonomy. The presentation was made personally by the Emperor at the inaugural ceremony on 16—18 November 1985. This award to Dr. Corner was given for his numerous and diverse contributions to plant taxonomy ranging from fungi to figs and recognizes his widely acknowledged status as one of the leading systematists of our time. As he also became 80 on 12 January 1986 we here wish to congratulate him with both occasions!

Dr. D.G. FRODIN's (UPNG) appointment was terminated on 1 January 1986. He returned, for the time being, to the U.S.A. and has found a niche at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia (PHIL). He hopes to be able to study Schefflera (Araliaceae) more intensively now. His work on the Port Moresby flora has been set aside for the time being.

Dr. B. HANSEN (C) is recovering from a severe illness. He therefore had to resign as Assistant Editor of the Flora of Thailand. He is succeeded by Dr. I. NIELSEN (AAU) but will stay on as a member of the editorial board.

Mr. E.E. HENTY (LAE) as was already suggested previously (p. 33) retired by the end of 1984. The management is now in the hands of Mr. J.R. CROFT and his assistants.

Ms. Dr. H.C. (FORTUNE) HOPKINS has been appointed at UPNG as a successor to Dr. D.G. FRODIN. She has obtained her Ph.D. at Oxford (U.K.) with a thesis on the taxonomy and reproductive biology of, and evolution in the bat-pollinated genus Parkia (Leguminosae) under the supervision of Dr. F. WHITE. She then became a NATO post-doctoral fellow at NY, during which time she did some fieldwork in Amazonian Brazil and elsewhere. She intends to continue her studies on Parkia.

Dr. B.P.M. HYLAND (QRS) and three assistants have been administratively transferred to CANB in 1985.

Dr. K. LARSEN and Ms. S.S. LARSEN (AAU) will visit Thailand from July to August 1986 to study collections in BK and BKF, and also to negotiate a faster printing of the Flora of Thailand.

Ms D.A.A. LINGKEU joined the Research Office of SAR in February 1985 to assist in the implementation of research projects.

Dr. H. MERXMÜLLER (M) has retired on 14 September 1985 on the age limit of 65.

Mr. J.P. MOGEA (BO) intends to visit L for \pm 6 months in 1986 and 1987 to continue his studies on Arenca.

Dr. I. NIELSEN (AAU) has succeeded Dr. B. HANSEN as Assistant Editor of the Flora of Thailand.

Dr. R. PETOCZ (POB 525, Jayapura - 99001) has left the WWF for employment with the Environmental Manpower Development, Indonesia, to set up a survey of the literature on the ecology of Irian Jaya. It is the intention to write the volume on Irian Jaya in the series on ecology of Indonesia produced by Dr. A.J. WHITTEN. Any information, bibliographic or otherwise, would be most appreciated.

Dr. K.M. SALLEH (UKMS) has returned to the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Sabah, where he has been appointed as lecturer. He completed his M.Sc. at Aberdeen University under Dr. C. WILCOX.

Mr. L.G. SAW was appointed Forest Botanist in March 1985 at KEP.

Dr. H.O. SLEUMER (L) became 80 on 21 February 1986. He is still very actively working at the Rijksherbarium, presently revising the Malesian Myrsinaceae (q.v.). Taxonomy is clearly a healthy occupation.

Dr. I. SOERIANEGARA has retired from his job as Director of Biotrop. He was succeeded by:

Ms. Dr. Siti SOETARMI, a mycologist, formerly at the Institut Pertanian Bogor, has succeeded Dr. I. SOERIANEGARA as Director of BIOTROP, Bogor. We congratulate her and wish her a lot of energy and strength for this arduous job.

Mr. C.R. SURESH (University of Calicut) under the supervision of Dr. D.H. NICOLSON (US) has critically studied the plates of Rheede Van Drakenstein's *Hortus malabaricus* (1678—1703).

Mr. I. TURNER (OXF) has started a 2-year project on tree seedling ecology in Pantai Aceh Penan under local supervision of Dr. Y.K. GONG (Univ. Sains, Penang).

Mr. K. UEDA (formerly of KYO) has obtained the post of Assistant Professor at the Department of Biology, College of Integrated Arts and Sciences, University of Osaka Prefecture, Mozu-memachi, 4-804, Sakai City, Osaka, 591, Japan.