

III. PERSONAL NEWS  
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Dr. P. S. A s h t o n of Kuching went on leave at the end of September 1965, to return mid-1966. In Europe he hopes to consult some Herbaria for type materials of Dipterocarpaceae.

Mr. M. M. J. v a n B a l g o o y of the Rijksherbarium travelled in New Guinea, Australia, Lord Howe Island, and Java, from 30 March to 14 August 1965.

Mr. Paul C h a i P i a n g K o n g, Assistant Forest Botanist at Kuching, is working for a University Entrance Scholarship to take a degree in botany. He then hopes to continue research abroad before returning to Sarawak as Forest Botanist.

Miss C h a n g K i a w L a n of Singapore continues her U.K. Government sponsored training award at Cambridge.

Dr. C h e w W e e L e k of Singapore, assisted by a travel grant of the Royal Society-Nuffield Foundation, visited Europe for 2½ months and studied Urticaceae at Kew, Cambridge, BM, Leiden, Utrecht, Geneva, and Paris. From January to May 1964 he accompanied the Royal Society Expedition to Mt Kinabalu.

Mr. M. J. F. C. D e n n i s has been appointed Curator of the Honiara Herbarium. Collecting in the Solomons by the Forestry Service is going on at rapid pace: some 600 numbers have already been collected since Dr. T. C. W h i t m o r e left.

Mr. M. E v a n s of Kew joined the Flora of Guam Institute at Washington.

Mr. David G. F r o d i n, B.Sc. from Liverpool, will go to Lae for a year as a temporary scientific officer. Intending to study Lauraceae for the 'Forest Flora of Papua and New Guinea', and to collect in several other large families. He came to Leiden for a day before he left for Lae, to arrive there by 15 October 1965, about the time Mr. J. S. W o m e r s l e y went on leave for half a year.

Dr. G. H a r t l e y, who completed 3 years of phytochemical survey with the C.S.I.R.O. at Canberra, has now been appointed Assistant Curator at the Arnold Arboretum.

Dr. R. E. H o l t t u m was elected a Fellow of the Association of Tropical Biology, by the Council on 5 January 1965, "for his distinguished contributions to Malaysian botany and horticulture, particularly of ferns and orchids".

Mr. M. J a c o b s of the Rijksherbarium completed a general study on domatia, to be published next year. On 9 June he took his Ph.D. degree, on a thesis on "The genus Capparis (Capparaceae) from the Indus to the Pacific", published in Blumea 12 (1965) 385-541.

Mr. J o n g K w i t o n of the University at Kuala Lumpur will work on the cytogenetics of Gesneraceae for a Ph.D. under Dr. B.L. Burtt at Edinburgh.

Mr. C. K a l k m a n of the Rijksherbarium took his Ph.D. degree on 28 April 1965, on a thesis on "The Old World species of *Prunus* subg. *Laurocerasus*, including those formerly referred to *Pygeum*", published in *Blumea* 13 (1965) 1-115.

Mr. A. K a n i s of the Rijksherbarium left Holland in August 1965 for North Borneo (Sabah) to work for a year in the field.

Mr. K u s w a t a Kartinawarta on a Singapore sponsored Colombo Plan award completed his course of study and left for the University of Hawaii in February 1965 to major in ecology with a study on the grassland ecology of Oahu.

Dr. H. S. M c K e e, formerly of C.S.I.R.O. at Canberra, joined the C.N.R.S. at Noumea, New Caledonia.

Dr. M. J. M i è g e, formerly of the Laboratoire de Botanique, Dakar, Senegal, has been appointed Director of the Conservatoire et Jardin Botanique, Geneva, succeeding Dr. Baehni.

At the beginning of 1965 Mr. J. M u l l e r, palynologist in the service of the Shell Company, left Brunei where for a couple of years he studied Tertiary pollen, for Holland, where at the laboratory at The Hague he gradually is finishing these studies and his work on Cretaceous sediments. In Brunei he was succeeded by Dr. R. A. C o u p e r, originally from New Zealand, who in England obtained his degree on a thesis on Mesozoic pollen grains and spores, and published many other papers, among others on *Nothofagus* pollen.

Mr. D. N i c o l s o n, now of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, took his Ph.D. degree at the end of 1964 with Professor G.H.M. Lawrence, on a monograph of *Aglaonema*, to be published before long. He hopes to continue his work on Malesian and other *Araceae*, although he is also engaged on a *Flora of Dominica*.

Dr. M. E. D. P o o r e, formerly of Malaya University, has been appointed Professor at Oxford.

On completion of his contract, Dr. P. v a n R o y e n left the Herbarium at Lae on 1 June 1965, without the intention to return.

Mr. H. K. Airy S h a w of Kew paid a visit to the Rijksherbarium in the summer of 1965 to study various genera of the *Euphorbiaceae*, on which he is continuing his work.

Mr. J. S i n c l a i r has now come to the end of his contract period with the Singapore Government. He is, however, continuing his work at the Singapore Herbarium on his revision of Malesian *Myristicaceae* in an honorary capacity.

Dr. Benjamin C. Stone left Guam to take up an appointment at the Department of Botany, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; by 1 May 1965. He will continue his function as editor of 'Micronesica'.

Mr. E. Sepadmo, engaged on a revision of the genus Quercus for Malesia, visited the Rijksherbarium for 3 weeks in June/July 1965, then went to Paris, Florence, and Berlin for short visits; when back at Cambridge he is expected to have finished this genus (also anatomically and morphologically) under supervision of Mr. E.J.H. Corner at the end of 1966.

The American Botanist Mr. Bruce Weber, who was a student at the University of Cincinnati, is now attached as adviser to the Sabah National Park Service and Forest Department for two years, since June 1965.

Dr. T. C. Whitmore, after having accompanied Mr. Corner's Royal Society Expedition to the Solomons, has now taken up an appointment as Taxonomic Botanist at the Forest Research Institute, Kepong, Malaya, on 1 September 1965.

Mr. Wong Yew Kwan has been appointed Acting Deputy Chief Research Officer at the Forest Research Institute, Kepong, Malaya.