

II. OBITUARIES AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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AMSHOFF, Ms. Dr. Gerda Jane Hillegonda (5 January 1913 — 10 February 1985)

Ms. Amshoff studied biology at the State University of Utrecht. Her Ph.D. thesis was on the Leguminosae of Surinam. In later years she was attached to the Agricultural College of Wageningen and worked as a staffmember of WAG, later free lance, largely on the flora of Africa. Shortly before World War II she had made an excellent revision of the Leguminosae of New Guinea which was to be published in Nova Guinea. The manuscript reached the proof stage (May 1943) but was unfortunately never printed, apparently because under the German Occupation any publication in English was forbidden. The lead was molten down and only a single proof was saved. Why after the War it was not set again and published is not clear. The proof was used by Verdcourt when he revised the Leguminosae for New Guinea. A copy of it is now also present in L.

BREMEKAMP, Cornelis Elisa Bertus (1888 — 21 December 1984)

Fl. Mal. I, 1 (1950) 78.

Originally a plant physiologist he later devoted his energy to taxonomy and composed many large papers on the Acanthaceae and Rubiaceae largely from SE. Asia, but his monographs also concern African and Madagascan species as well as those of Surinam. He devised a new tribal system for the Rubiaceae which turned out to be sustained by wood anatomical characters.

CHAMISSO, Adelbert von (1781 — 1838)

Fl. Mal. I, 1 (1950) 104, portr.; R. Schneebeli-Graf: Adelbert von Chamisso ... und lassen gelten was ich beobachtet habe. Dietrich Reimer Verlag, Berlin 1983. 324 pp, a few fig. and pl. ISBN 3-496-00730-3. Price unknown.

Not a real biography but a miscellany of papers on plants and animals (translated by Prof. Markgraf) of this most versatile naturalist. Letters and extracts of his excursions all over the world during the 3-year Romanzoff expedition in the brig 'Rurik' (1815-1818).

COOK, Orator Fuller (28 May 1867 — 23 April 1949)

V. Rudd, D.S. Correll & R.W. Read: O.F. Cook and his world: three botanists recall an individualist. Principes 27 (1983) 76—84, portr., biogr. notes, selected bibl. on palms 45 articles out of nearly 400 (!).

Notes about O.F. Cook and his methods (Correll); O.F. Cook's itinerary (Read); O.F. Cook and palms (Rudd).

CORNER, Edred John Hardy (12 January 1906 —)

A. Bullock & R.B. Woodings (Eds.): The Fontana Biographical companion to modern thought (1983) 158—159. Concise biography.

CROIZAT, Leon (16 July 1894 — 30 November 1984)

R.C. Craw & G.W. Gibbs (Eds.): Croizat's Panbiogeography and Principia botanica. Tatuara 27/1 (1984) 75 pp, portr., biogr., bibliogr.

An interesting review of Croizat's works and aims stressing his anti-neodarwinistic views and land theory of dispersal, his views on morphology and evolu-

tion ('form-making') and orthogeny. A lone fighter against the established theories of generally accepted authorities. The contributions largely emerge from the Zoological Department of the University of Wellington.

DAMES, Teo Willem Gerrit (1908 — 1984)

Fl. Mal. Bull. 5 (1958) cclxxi.

Pedologist at Bogor, occasionally collecting plants.

FREY-WYSSLING, Albert Friedrich (8 November 1900 —)

Lehre und Forschung. Autobiographische Erinnerungen. Wiss. Verlagsgesellschaft MBH Stuttgart. 1984. 192 pp., 25 fig. ISBN 3-8047-0695-9. Portr. Bibliogr. Price unknown.

Fl. Mal. I, 8 (1974) xxxv.

A lively account of his life sprinkled with anecdotes on the development of ultramicroscopy in which he played a vital role, and on his numerous contacts in- and outside Switzerland gained at a baffling number of symposia, congresses and invited lecture tours throughout the world.

JACOBS, M. (1929 — 1983)

Fl. Mal. Bull. 37 (1984) 4; C. Kalkman: Marius Jacobs (1929—1983). Mata Kuching 2 (1983) 7—12, portr., selected bibliogr.

Father C.J.L. KOCK S.J. (19 September 1907 — 10 February 1984)

Fl. Mal. I, 5 (1958) ccxcii.

He also collected extensively on the slopes of G. Merapi, Yogyakarta. His collections have been deposited in L.

LI, Hui-Lin (15 July 1911 —)

Contributions to botany. Studies in plant geography, phylogeny and evolution, ethnobotany and dendrological and horticultural botany. Epoch Publishing Co., POB 1642, Taipei, Taiwan. 1983. iv + 528 pp. Ill. US\$ 24.50 + 3.00 postage.

Facsimile reprint of his papers spanning 35 years with a biographical sketch and bibliography in honour of his 70th birthday.

LIEFTINCK, Dr. Maurits Anne (1904 — 13 April 1985)

Fl. Mal. I, 1 (1950) 324.

MATTICK, Fritz (17 May 1901 — 3 January 1984)

J. Gerloff: Prof. Dr. Fritz Mattick (17.5.1901 — 3.1.1984). Willdenowia 14 (1984) 3—13, portr., bibliogr.

Together with ZAHLBRUCKNER he published on Lichenes from Java and New Guinea (Cladonia).

MEIJER DREES, Dr. Ir. Ebertus. (27 May 1909 — 13 April 1984)

Fl. Mal. I, 5 (1958) ccciv.

Worked at the Forest Experimental Station, Bogor, (1936 — 1955), first as Forest Botanist, later as its Director. After his return to the Netherlands employed by the Ministry of Agriculture there with stints as advisor for forestry

research to the FAO in Brazil (1956, 1957) and Venezuela (1962, 1963). Collected in various areas in Malesia (Java, S.W. Celebes, S.E. Borneo, Timor, New Guinea, possibly also in Banka).

Selected bibliography from 26 titles:

- (1) Plantensociologie, boschbouw en houtteelt. *Tectona* 31 (1938) 166—205.
- (2) Kort overzicht der geslachten *Intsia* en *Pahudia*. *Tectona* 31 (1938) 851—864.
- (3) The genera *Intsia* and *Pahudia* (Legum.) in the Netherlands Indies. *Bull. Jard. Bot. Btzg III*, 16 (1938) 83—102.
- (4) Herkomst, gebruik en bestemming der voornaamste boschbijproducten van Nederlandsch-Indië. *Tectona* 32 (1939) 920—1017.
- (5) The genus *Agathis* in Malaysia. *Bull. Jard. Bot. Btzg. III*, 16 (1940) 455—474.
- (6) Kiemproeven en kiemplanten. I. *Acacia*. *Korte Meded. Boschbouwproefstation* 75; *Tectona* 34 (1941) 1—45. (For. Abstr. 3: 44).
- (7) Iets over exoten. *Tectona* 36 (1946) 310—326.
- (8) Combined taxation and presence in analysing and comparing association tables. *Vegetatio* 2 (1949) 43—46.
- (9) Lijst van boom- en struiknamen van het eiland Timor. *Rapp. Bosbouwproefstation* 33, Ser. Vegetatie-onderzoek 1 (1950) 61 pp.
- (10) Enkele opmerkingen betreffende de classificatie van bossen naar hun ontstaanswijze. *Tectona* 40 (1950) 135—153. (For. Abstr. 13: 34).
- (11) Forests and their soil protective properties in dry areas in the tropics (with special reference to Timor, Indonesia, Lesser Sunda Islands). *Proc. & Pap. 6th Techn. Meet. Int. Un. Cons. Nat. & Nat. Res.* (1950) 210—213.
- (12) Verklarende lijst van termen uit de plantensociologie en synecologie. *Rapp. Bosbouwproefstation* 48, Ser. Vegetatie-onderzoek 2 (1951) 140 pp.
- (13) Enkele hoofdstukken uit de moderne plantensociologie en een ontwerp voor nomenclatuurregels voor plantengezelschappen. *Rapp. Bosbouwproefstation* 51 (1951) 218 pp.
- (14) Distribution, ecology and silvicultural possibilities of the trees and shrubs from the savanne-forest region in Eastern Sumbawa and Timor. *Meded. Boschbouwproefstation* 33 (1951) 145 pp.
- (15) Silvicultural problems in dry monsoon areas in Indonesia. *Tectona* 43 (1953) 111—118.
- (16) The minimum area in tropical rainforest with special reference to some types in Bangka (Indonesia). *Vegetatio* 5-6 (1954) 517—523.
- (17) Toespraak gehouden door de directeur van het Bosbouwproefstation ter gelegenheid van het 40-jarig bestaan van deze instelling op 26 Juni 1953. *Tectona* 43 (1954) 4—20; *Pengumuman Istimewa, Balai Penyelidikan Kehutanan* 7 (1954) 18 pp. (Historical survey of the Bosbouwproefstation).

Eponymy: Due to an unfortunate misprint on the labels of the Third New Guinea Archbold Expedition, the plants dedicated to Meijer Drees have misspelled epitetha, which may not be corrected (list probably incomplete):

Athyrium myer-dreesii Copel. (Athyriaceae, Pteridophyta)
Blindia myer-dreesii Bartr. (Ditrichaceae, Musci)

Grammitis myer-dreesii Copel. (Grammitidaceae, Pteridophyta)
Polystichum myer-dreesii Copel. (Aspidiaceae, Pteridophyta)

MUELLER, Ferdinand Jacob Heinrich von (1825 — 1896)

D.M. Churchill, T.B. Muir & D.M. Sinkora: The published works of Ferdinand J.H. Mueller (1825 — 1896). *Suppl. Muellera* 5 (1984) 229 — 248, 7 fig.

A supplementary index to his new taxa, combinations and names, arranged alphabetically by family.

MULLER, Jan (1921 — 1983)

Fl. Mal. Bull. 37 (1984) 5; W.H. Zagwijn: Jan Muller (1922 — 1983). *Mata Kuching* 2 (1983) 3 — 6, *portr.*, *bibliogr.*; C. Kalkman: In memoriam Dr. J. Muller. *Blumea* 29 (1984) 313 — 318, *portr.*, *bibliogr.* compiled by L. Vogelenzang; S. Nilsson: Jan Muller 1921—1983. *Grana* 23 (1984) 65—67, *portr.*, *selected bibliogr.*; A. le Thomas: Jan Muller (1921—1983). *A.P.L.F. Circulaire* 18 (1984) 3—6, *biogr.*, *selected bibliogr.*; W. Meijer: Jan Muller. *EPS Newsletter* 1 (1985) 4.

Some authors have erroneously given 1922 as his year of birth.

QUISUMBING, Eduardo (1895 —)

Fl. Mal. I, 8 (1974) lxxviii.

The complete writings of Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing on Philippine orchids. Manila. 1981. ISBN 971-1005-16-6. Not seen.

RIJKEBÜSCH, Elisabeth Johanna (1902 — 1984)

Fl. Mal. I, 1 (1950) 456.

General botanist, assistant at the Medical College, Jakarta, before the war, later also connected with the Treub Laboratory, Bogor. Collected occasionally.

SINGER, Rolf (23 June 1906 —)

M. Singer: *Mycologists and other taxa*. J. Cramer, Braunschweig (1894) 115 pp., 16 fig.

Anecdotal reminiscences by his wife Marta of his life, trips, acquaintances, and where he worked. Not a biography, but delightful reading.

SOLANDER, Daniël Carl (1736 — 1782)

Fl. Mal. I. 8 (1974) xciii; *Arch. Nat. Hist.* 11/3 (1984) contains a number of biographical articles.

J.B. Marshall (p. 453) mentions that Solander spent a few days in New Guinea when having passed the Endeavour Strait. No doubt collections were made.

VERDOORN, Prof. Dr. Frans (24 July 1906 — 18 May 1984)

Fl. Mal. I, 1 (1950) 540, *portr.*

Frans Verdoorn was originally a prominent hepaticologist and generally interested in the Bryophytes for which he erected the '*Annales Bryologici*'. Later he became a publisher and edited a '*Handbook of Bryology*' and a '*Handbook of Pteridology*', both invaluable stimulating works at their time. Before World War II he moved from Oegstgeest, The Netherlands, to Waltham (Mass.), U.S.A., where he led his publishing business. During this War he published together with P. HONIG a widely read book '*Science in the Netherlands East Indies*' (1945). His

main concern was the famous series 'Chronica Botanica' in which there are News Bulletins and a series of monographs on various botanical topics, in all some two dozen volumes.

Persuaded by Prof. LANJOUW he returned in the sixties to the Netherlands, founding a 'Biohistorical Institute' at the Utrecht University housed in the historical house of F.A.W. MIQUEL in which he incorporated his immense biographical card index and his very large library. He was appointed professor in Biohistory serving both the Faculties of Biology and of Medicine. He was a most stimulating personality and spent much time on planning the issues on biohistory, but his own research and publishing capacity waned in his later years. Many persons are very much indebted to him for his generous personality. — C.G.G.J. van Steenis.

VOORT, Maximiliaan van der (1910 — 23 January 1984)

Fl. Mal. I, 1 (1950) 550.

Max was a clever, active pedologist, one of the few who saw the virtue of combining pedology with vegetation studies for which he collected in selected places, among others in Padang Lawas, the famous grass savannah plains in North Sumatra. At the instigation of the Chief Editor of the Flora Malesiana he wrote a general chapter intended for Volume 2 of the Flora Malesiana on the soils of Malesia. This MS was often used in colloquia at the Rijksherbarium.