

BOARD NEWS***Board meeting, August 30th 1993, Yokohama***

Thanks to the hospitality and arrangements of Professor IWATSUKI, the Board could meet during the XV International Botanical Congress. At the meeting Prof. LUCAS AND DR. ROOS were re-appointed, whereas Dr. BURLEY was appointed to succeed Dr. STEVENS as representative of the Harvard University. The Board now consists of ¹:

Prof. APRILANI SOEGIARTO (LIPI; chairman, 1994), Prof. P. BAAS (L; vice-chairman, 1996), Dr. M.C. ROOS (L; secretary/treasurer, 1998), Prof. K. LARSEN (AAU; member Executive Committee, 1994), Prof. A. LATIFF MOHAMAD (UKMB; member Executive Committee, 1994), Dr. B.A. BARLOW (CSIRO; 1997), Prof. K. IWATSUKI (TI; 1996), Prof. G.L.L. LUCAS (K; 1998), Dr. D.A. MADULID (PNH; 1997), Prof. PH. MORAT (P; 1995), Dr. F.S.P. NG (FAO-Rome; 1995), Dr. D.H. NICOLSON (US; 1997), Prof. P.H. RAVEN (MO; 1995), Prof. M.A. RIFAI (BO; 1995), Dr. S.H. SOHMER (Bot.Res. Inst., Fort Worth; 1996), Dr. P. SRIVASTAVA (LAE; to be succeeded by Mr. O. Gideon), Dr. J. BURLEY (A; 1998).

The subcommittee on Education and Training consists of: Prof. LATIFF (Chair), Dr. MADULID, Mr. GIDEON, Prof. RIFAI, and Dr. ROOS.

The Board discussed items pertaining to the progress of the Flora project, fund raising, training and education, and network communication. The result of the latter you are reading now. The other items are dealt with elsewhere in this issue.

Visit of Professor Aprilani to Australia

Professor APRILANI SOEGIARTO, chairman of the Foundation Flora Malesiana and Vice Chairman of the Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI), visited Australia in December 1993, at the invitation of BRYAN BARLOW (CSIRO). He visited the herbaria of Perth,

¹ Between brackets the year of expiration of the term of each member is given; resigning members can immediately be re-appointed

Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane and Darwin. In Canberra he also had discussions with the Australian Biological Resources Study, the Environment Resources Information Network, the International Development Program of the Australian Universities and Colleges, and the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau. The objective of Professor APRILANI'S visit was to explore the possibilities for collaborative arrangements between Australian botanical institutions and the Flora Malesiana Foundation's programme. There are good possibilities to develop collaborations in two areas:

- extending taxonomic research in Australia to cover taxa in the adjacent Malesian region;
- the use of Australian facilities for the training of taxonomists and technicians.

The very close working relationship between major herbaria in Australia and universities provides good opportunities for students to hold university scholarships whilst undertaking project work in the associated herbaria.

The interactions were most encouraging and a number of positive outcomes are expected. This is very good news for Flora Malesiana, from a country that has traditionally already played an active part in Malesian botany.