

### BOARD NEWS

*Composition of the Board of the Foundation Flora Malesiana.* — The Board met during the Flora of Thailand Symposium in Phuket. The members Dr. P. Baas and Dr. K. Iwatsuki, whose terms had expired, were happy to continue on the Board. Dr. S.H. Sohmer withdrew and Dr. A. Hay agreed to take the vacant chair.

The Board of Foundation Flora Malesiana now consists of:

*Chairman:* Dr. M.A. Rifai (Bogor, Indonesia)

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*Other members:* Dr. J. Burley (Cambridge, USA), Dr. J. Dransfield (Kew, UK), Mr. O. Gideon (Lae, Papua New Guinea), Dr. A. Hay (Sydney, Australia), Dr. K. Iwatsuki (Tokyo, Japan), Dr. D.A. Madulid (Manila, the Philippines), Dr. P. Morat (Paris, France), Dr. F.S.P. Ng (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Dr. D.H. Nicolson (Washington D.C., USA), Dr. A. Soegiarto (Jakarta, Indonesia), Dr. H. van der Werff (St. Louis, USA), Dr. J.G. West (Canberra, Australia).

During the meeting on 13 September 1996 in Phuket the Board discussed the progress over the recent years in general and in the Malesian area in particular. Several suggestions have been made to improve our overview of the remaining taxonomic work, e.g. a fact sheet showing the families and genera not-allotted as yet. Roos will update and expand the list given in *Flora Malesiana Bulletin* 11, p. 138–142. Another important item on the agenda was fund raising. Hay and Mabberley have brought about ideas to develop new strategies to obtain additional funding for FM revisions. The Board applauded their initiative and invited them to continue. They will report in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

The next Flora Malesiana Symposium in Malaysia was also discussed. It was stressed to include in the programme family workshops to be organized by the coordinating authors and especially aimed to bring together Malesian botanists.