

IV. STATE OF PROGRESS IN MALAYSIAN PLANT TAXONOMY

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Mr A.G.L. A d e l b e r t has finished his work on the Labiatae of Java.

Dr R.C. B a k h u i z e n v a n d e n B r i n k Jr., Leyden, continued his work on Malaysian Rubiaceae and finished the genera Bikkia, Lerchea, Argostemma, Steenisia; he started with the genus Ophiorrhiza.

Dr C.E.B. B r e m e k a m p finished his revision of the

genus Oldenlandia and allied genera.

Mr R. C o o p e r, from Auckland, New Zealand, temporarily working at the Missouri Botanical Garden, is working on a revision of the Pacific species of Pittosporum.

Dr W. D o m k e, Hamburg, has agreed to revise Malaysian Polygalaceae.

Dr A.W. E x e l l, British Museum, London, will revise Combretaceae for the Flora, starting 1953.

Mr F.N. H e p p e n, B.Sc., was appointed scientific officer at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; he worked on Forest Department collections of N.Borneo.

Mr R.D. H o o g l a n d got a doctor's degree in the University of Leyden on a thesis: A revision of the genus Dillenia, January 30th, 1952.

Mr H o u D i n g, working at the Missouri Botanic Gardens, is working on a revision of Chinese Celastrus.

Dr Cl.E. K o b u s k i has finished his work on American Theaceae and is now organizing the genus Adinandra for the Flora Malesiana.

Mr P.W. L e e n h o u t s, Leyden, revised Malaysian Scutinanthe and is working on Pacific Canarium.

The Netherlands Foundation Z.W.O.(Pure Scientific Research) has made a grant towards an appointment for three years, starting July 1st, 1952, of the Netherlands bryologist Mr W. M a r g a d a n t, as scientific associate of Prof.Dr R. v a n d e r W i j k of Groningen University, for the elaboration of the series Bryophyta of the Flora Malesiana.

Dr E.D. M e r r i l l worked at the British Museum during the greater part of last half year of 1951, identifying big collections of unidentified material among which the Carr collection of New Guinea. He was assisted in the latter by Dr van Steenis c.s. at Leyden; a new list of identifications resulted from this joint effort, which will be set at the disposal of all institutions which are in possession of a Carr set. Further Dr Merrill is working on the identification of Roxburgh's types, for which aim he visited the Rijksherbarium, Leyden, and the Rijks Plantentuin at Brussels, Oct.-Nov.1951.

Unfortunately Dr W.R. P h i l i p s o n had to abandon his intention to continue his study of Malaysian Araliaceae as the library at Christchurch is inadequately equipped for this kind of work.

Mr J. P r o s k a u e r, Ass.Professor of Botany, Dept of Botany, University of California, Berkeley, is undertaking a worldwide revision of the Anthocerotales; he will also revise the group for F.M.

Dr P. v a n R o y e n, Leyden, revised Malaysian Mimulops. He is working on the Malaysian Xyridaceae and the genus Planchonella.

Dr C.G.G.J. v a n S t e e n i s revised the genera Macadamia, Schoepfia, Mimulus, Hollrungia, Lamiofrutex, Nouhuysia, Idenburgia, Aconceveibum & Paracelsea ZOLL.1857 (with Dr M e r r i l l), Eriandra (with Dr v.R o y e n), Hymenosporum (with Dr B a k h u i z e n v.d. B r i n k); at the end of the year he was finishing his study on Papuan Nothofagus.

Mrs M.J. v a n S t e e n i s-K r u s e m a n & Dr C.G. G.J. v a n S t e e n i s studied in the Herbarium Beccari at Florence Sept. 23 to Oct. 13. A complete list of this herbarium was compiled.

Prof. Dr R. v a n d e r W i j k, in charge of series III Bryophyta for the F.M., was in England for study of Bryophyta in the Herbaria of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, and the British Museum, London, 10-26 Sept. 1951, on behalf of Flora Malesiana. Prof. van der Wijk has received the Netherland Buitenzorg Fund for the year 1951; January 2nd he sailed for Java, to return before Sept. 1952.

Dr H.C.D. d e W i t finished his work on Malaysian Bauhinieae and started with a revision of the genus Cassia.

Mr J.S. W o m e r s l e y has made a reconnaissance and collecting trip to the type locality of Forbes's New Guinea expedition in the Sogere region of Papua, June-Aug. 1951.