

8th

International Flora Malesiana Symposium



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The Past, Present and Future of Flora Malesiana

The Flora Malesiana Symposium is an important forum for the exchanges of taxonomic and systematic ideas and new research findings made in the study of the flora of Malesian region. Today, it has become a large international gathering of botanists and post-graduate students who study the diversity, ecology, biogeography, evolution and conservation of plants from tropical SE Asian countries, including Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, East Timor and Papua New Guinea, as well as the bordering countries.

Beginning in 1989, the Flora Malesiana Symposium has been held every three years alternating between a country in Malesia and a collaborating country outside the Malesian region. The eighth Flora Malesiana Symposium will be held in Singapore from 23 to 27 of August 2010, and hosted by the Singapore Botanic Gardens. The occasion also celebrates the occasion of 150th anniversary of the Singapore Botanic Gardens. The Gardens, with its historic Herbarium and official journal, *Gardens Bulletin Singapore*, have contributed significantly to the study of the Malesian flora. The host country and the hosting institution in Singapore are pleased to have the privilege to organize the 8th Flora Malesiana Symposium. Together with the Flora Malesiana Foundation, the Singapore Botanic Gardens welcomes you all to attend the symposium in August 2010.

Organising Committee:

Chairman: Dr. CHIN See Chung, Director of Singapore Botanic Gardens

Co-Chairman: Dr. Benito C. TAN, Keeper of SING Herbarium/Library, SBG

Finance: Dr. Chee Len LIM-HO, Assistant Director, SBG

Secretary: Ms Serena LEE, Herbarium Manager, SBG

SBG Committee members for scientific programme:

Dr. George STAPLES, Senior Researcher, The Herbarium

Dr. Mark HUGHES, Senior Researcher, The Herbarium

Dr. Hubert KURZWEIL, Senior Researcher, The Herbarium

Dr. Jana ŠKORNIČKOVÁ, Researcher, The Herbarium

Dr. NURA binte Abdul Karim, Plant Records Manager

Dr. YAM Tim Wing, Senior Researcher, Orchid Breeding Lab

Symposium Advisors:

Prof. Dr. E. F. SMETS, Director of National Herbarium of the Netherlands and Flora Malesiana Foundation

Dr. M. ROOS, Flora Malesiana Foundation

Dr. D. DARNAEDI, Flora Malesiana Foundation and LIPI, Indonesia

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Main Theme: “The Past, Present and Future of Flora Malesiana”

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Dr. E.F. SMETS, Director of National Herbarium of The Netherlands, Leiden University Branch; Chairman of Flora Malesian Foundation

Plenary Session Speakers:

Prof. Sir Peter CRANE (University of Chicago) on the origin of flowering plant.

Prof. Robert HALL (University of London) on plate tectonics of SE Asian region.

Prof. Jan SLIKKERVEER (Leiden University) on recent development in Indonesian Jamu

General Topics:

Session 1: Taxonomy, Biosystematics and Phylogenetics

Session 2: Ethnobotany and Economic Botany

Session 3: Ecology, Pollination Biology and Biogeography

Session 4: Evolution, Adaptation and Paleobotany

Session 5: Biodiversity and Conservation

Special topic sessions on Sympetalous Dicot Families not yet treated for *Flora Malesiana*, Orchidaceae, Zingiberaceae, Gesneriaceae, *Begonias*, ferns, bryophytes, fungi

Workshops on Handbook of Malesian Mosses, Red-listing of Endangered Plant Species, CBD and CITES and Plant Biodiversity Inventory, etc. [The Committee for Scientific Programme welcomes other suggestions of workshop to be organized].

General Programme:

Day 1: 23 August (Monday): Registration, opening ceremony, keynote speech, plenary sessions, special topic and poster sessions, and welcome dinner.

Day 2: 24 August (Tuesday): Plenary session, topic and poster sessions, special workshops.

Day 3: 25 August (Wednesday): Sightseeing tours of Singapore Botanic Gardens, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, etc.

Day 4: 26 August (Thursday): Plenary session, topic and poster sessions, workshops and board meeting of Flora Malesiana Foundation.

Day 5: 27 August (Friday): Plenary sessions, topic sessions, closing ceremony and dinner.

Language: The official language for the symposium is English.

Manuscripts and Abstracts: The proceedings will be published in *Gardens Bulletin Singapore* in 2011.

Guidelines for Oral & Poster Presentations:

Facilities: multimedia projector.

Poster presentation: A0 or 120 x 80 cm in size.

Oral presentation: Power Point presentation preferred; time slot of 20 minutes for each presentation including five minutes for questions and discussion.

Financial Support:

The Singapore Botanic Gardens and NParks have limited funds to support professional and post-graduate student participants from the ASEAN countries. Please contact the Organizing Committee for further information.

Passport & Visas:

A valid passport is required for travel to Singapore. Participants from US, UK and most European countries, as well as ASEAN member countries, are exempted from visa entry requirement. Please contact the Embassy or Consulate of Singapore in your respective country for more details.

Personal Invitation:

If you require an Official Letter of Invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee. This letter does not represent a commitment of organizers to provide financial support.

Registration:

The registration fee is **Singapore \$230** (about **USD \$150**) when registered before 15 May, 2010, and **Sing \$300** (about **USD \$200**) after 15 May, 2010, and **Sing \$150** (about **USD \$100**) for accompanying person. Student registration fees is **Sing \$200** (about **USD \$140**).

The registration fee includes conference materials, proceedings, reception, banquet, lunches, welcome and closing dinners, tea breaks, sightseeing tours to Bukit Timah Natrue Reserve and Singapore Botanic Gardens.

All payments for registration fee can be made in cash in Singapore or US dollars, or by sending/posting a bank draft to the Flora Malesiana Symposium Organizing Committee with the written amount paid to (Singapore) National Parks Board either beforehand or on arrival at the registration desk. Early bird registrants need to pay the reduced registration fees by bank draft.

Pre- and Post Symposium Tours & Excursions:

To be announced later

Accommodation:

A selected list of recommended 3 and 4 stars hotels with special discounted rate given to symposium participants will be circulated later. Participants must book their own accommodations

Deadlines:

Early bird registration fee: **May 15, 2010**

Application for financial support: **May 30, 2010**

Abstract Submission: **June 15, 2010**

Manuscript Submission for the proceedings: **September 15, 2010**

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Registration Form (Please complete and return before the deadline)

Family name			
First name			
Prefix (Prof, Dr, Mr, Ms)		Gender (M/F)	
Affiliation/Institution			
Full postal mailing address (including zip/postal code, city and country)			
Title of oral/poster presentation			
E-mail			
Telephone (office/cell phone)		Fax	
Number and names of accompanied persons		Amount paid (check/cash)	US \$ Sing \$

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