

BORNEO RESEARCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL NEWSLETTER REPORTING THE ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010

September 2010

Dear Fellows and Members:

It is now time to renew your Fellowships or Membership status. We have enclosed your invoice and a list of new books published by the BRC.

Payment by credit cards has to be discontinued as of November 15, 2009. The Payment Card Industry Council, in order to improve security, has initiated several procedures that are just too expensive for the BRC to continue the direct use of credit cards.

We do accept Paypal, Postal money orders, or a check in the following currencies: U.S. dollar, Malaysian Ringgit, or English pounds.

Please see the information sheet attached to your Fellowship/Membership Invoice.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Freeman, Monica

2010 The Iban Diaries of Monica Freeman (1949-1951), including ethnographic drawings, sketches, paintings, and photographs. Edited by Laura P. Appell Warren, D. Ed.

This will be a monumental publication full of data and interesting information, including previously unpublished drawings and photographs.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

Freeman, Monica

n.d. Iban Field Notes of Monica Freeman (1949-1951): on children, birth, pregnancy, sexual life, *antu*, and daily Life. Edited by Laura P. Appell Warren, D. Ed.

Sutlive, Vinson and Joanne Sutlive

n.d. The Memoirs of Janang Ensiring.

Chur-Hansen, Anna, Md.

n.d. Psychiatric Research Among the Iban: Collected Papers of Robert J. Barrett, M.B.B.S. Ph.D.

Appell, G. N. and Laura W. R. Appell

n.d. The Oral Literature of the Rungus Momogun: The Translation of Three Myths and Legends.

Heppell, Michael

n.d. Bidayuh Ethnography of West Kalimantan (1981)

n.d. Iban Social Control: The Infant and the Adult. Unpublished ms, Ph.D. dissertation for the Australian National University.

These last two are particularly important manuscripts as Michael Heppell was ahead of his time by several decades in his study of child rearing and child behavior.

Kershaw, Eva and Roger Kershaw

n.d. Writing an Identity. Content and Conceptions of a Brunei-Dusun "Constitution" of 1981.

We are also hoping sometime in the coming year to bring to press the very important collected articles and papers of Dr. Clifford Sather.

BORNEO RESEARCH BULLETIN

Volume Forty (2009) of the *Borneo Research Bulletin* was published earlier this year. We expect to be able to bring out volume Forty-one (2010) before the end of the year. And then BRB will be current.

Reviews of Research and Scholarly Literature in Various Disciplines

The BRC was founded on the principle that in Borneo the various scientific and scholarly disciplines are closely intertwined. The success of the queries of any discipline is interdependent on the findings of many other disciplines. Consequently, when the BRC was formed, it was on the basis of advancing research in the social, biological, and medical sciences in Borneo.

However, since that time, the various disciplines have grown immensely so that it is impossible for a scholar to keep up with developments in related disciplines that may have relevance to one's own research. Therefore it was decided to establish a new series of publications to review the status of research and scholarly publications in various fields.

If these reviews are lengthy they will be published as Occasional Papers; if shorter in length, they will appear in the BRB.

We have invited the following individuals to prepare reviews:

- Sander Adelaar, a survey of linguistic research in Borneo
- Motomitsu Uchibori, a review of research in Borneo by Japanese scholars
- Jacqueline Pugh-Kitingan, a review of ethnomusicology in Borneo
- Leslie Potter, historical research on Kalimantan from the Dutch period onwards
- Chris Hunt, review of the environmental change over the last 100,000 years

Reviews which have already appeared in Volume 36 (2005) of the Borneo Research Bulletin:

- Menno Schilthuizen, After the Sarawak Law: Evolutional Biology in Borneo Since 1855.
- Nicolas Tarling, Further Notes on the Historiography of British Borneo

We want to express our thanks to these authors for their excellent work!

We hope that these publications will stimulate new research and communication between the various disciplines as well as produce additional comments in the BRB.

We are searching for other scholars to provide reviews on the status of research in various disciplines. These could include a review of botanical research in Borneo, a review of studies on the uses of plants by various peoples of Borneo, a review of medical research, a review of psychological research, and reviews of biological research such as those on birds, trees, fish, snakes, mammals, etc.

Please send any offers to prepare a review, or suggestions and nominations to the: brc@borneoresearchcouncil.org.

THE TENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE of the BORNEO RESEARCH COUNCIL -- 2010

A very special thanks to Bibi Aminah binti Abdul Ghani for doing such a fine job coordinating the arrangements for the recent conference.

Bibi's report on the conference was very positive:

Overall, the conference was a success. We had 92 participants/paper presenters in total for the 3 days. I had a good team supporting me throughout the 3 days.

We had 25 sessions in total ranging from archeology/Anthropology, Architecture, Biodiversity/Ecology, Cultural Heritage, Marine Resources, Health/ Healing, History, Human Resources, ICT, Language & Language Education, Identity/ Social Transformation, Literature, Property/ Land Issues, Security

/Unity, and Tourism.

We had 3 panels - Migration, Secondary Burial & Language.

BORNEO RESEARCH COUNCIL MEDAL

The Board of Directors of the Borneo Research Council takes great pleasure in awarding the BRC Medal of Excellence to Professor Bob (Robert H.W.) Reece in acknowledgement of his many outstanding contributions to the study of the history of Borneo. The 2010 medal was awarded to Professor Bob Reece and presented on July 5th during the opening ceremonies of the BRC tenth biennial meetings in Miri, Sarawak. Professor Reece is Professor Emeritus of history at Murdoch University, Western Australia.

THE REED WADLEY MEMORIAL FUND

At the request of Reed's wife, Oona Paredes, Ph.D., the BRC has established The Reed Wadley Memorial Fund to honor the life and work of Dr. Reed Wadley (1962-2008). Those of you who wish to honor the memory of Reed are encouraged to send contributions to the Fund. When fully endowed, the fund will provide supplemental grants to graduate students in cultural anthropology planning to do research in Borneo. Dr. Oona Paredes has been asked to be one of the advisors to the fund. Gifts to honor Dr. Wadley's memory should be sent to the Borneo Research Council, P.O. Box A, Phillips, Maine, 04966, USA. Further inquiries about the fund should be sent to the same address.

As of this writing, the Fund now contains \$9777.91 through the generosity of: Dr. Geoffrey A. Clark, Dr. George L. Cowgill, Dr. Amity A. Doolittle, Prof. Ian Douglas, Dr. Michael Dove, Dr. & Mrs. Allen Drake, Dr. Richard Fidler, Dr. A. V. M. Horton, Mr. Lenoard Linggi Anak Jugah, Mrs. Charity Appell McNabb, Mr. John D. Pearson, Dr. Robert Pringle, Dr. Robert Reece, Professor F. Andrew Smith, Ms. Sondra Wentzell, Dr. Robert L. and Judith Winzeler, and George and Laura Appell.

SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF ORAL LITERATURE

The BRC has been in contact with a foundation that is willing to provide supplemental grants to support the collection of oral literature. If this is of any interest to anyone please contact the: brc@borneoresearchcouncil.org.

BRC WEBSITE

The website now includes a list of Members and Fellows, all our publications with table of contents of each, President's Reports, announcements, history of the BRC, application for membership, information on the BRC Medals and Biennial Conferences, list of Officers, etc.

www.borneoresearchcouncil.org

MAILING COSTS

The U.S. Post Office has increased their mailing fees. We find it necessary also to increase our mailing costs for overseas orders to \$20.00 per book and \$10.00 for each additional book. Even at this rate we are subsidizing our mailing costs.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The balance sheet is attached.

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