

BORNEO RESEARCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL NEWSLETTER REPORTING THE ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012

October 2012

DEAR FELLOWS AND MEMBERS:

It is the season to renew your Fellowship or Membership status. We have enclosed your invoice and a list of books available from the BRC.

Fellows/Members: Please Note – PDF copies of BRC publications:

All publications are now available in PDF format with the exception of Psychiatric Research Among the Iban and the Iban Diaries of Monica Freeman. This makes them available for searches.

Fellows/Members may request free of charge any five items in our publication list. If Fellows/Members want additional items, we will charge US \$10 for each additional set of five. Please send requests to brc@borneoresearchcouncil.org.

These PDF-formatted items are not available to non-Fellows/Members.

THE FUTURE IS TRULY EXCITING:

The Borneo Research Bulletin prospers under the great editorship of Cliff Sather, for which we are most thankful. It has contained many significant and important papers. We are getting more and more requests for copies of its articles.

We have a very sound book list with our Monographs Series, Proceedings Series, Occasional Papers, and Reference Series. The scholarly contribution of our publications is manifested in the increasing income from permissions and royalties.

We need more reviews of the status of research in those disciplines and sciences that are critical to a full understanding of Borneo, past and present, physically, socially, historically, medically, biologically, and botanically. Let me encourage all of you to ask your colleagues in related disciplines to undertake such reviews.

The BRC continues to be a viable, active, important scholarly institution that is making major contributions to Bornean knowledge.

We want to express our deep thanks to all our Fellows and Members that have made this possible.

NEW FELLOWS AND MEMBERS

The BRC would like to recruit more Fellows and Members particularly in those disciplines that are not well represented among our membership. Let me encourage you to nominate individuals to become Fellows and Members. Also, please encourage your colleagues to join.

DEATHS: Monica Patricia Gwynne Maitland Freeman 1922- 2012

Monica Freeman's contribution to the ethnography of Borneo was unparalleled. Her death is a loss to all those of us who have worked in Borneo. I personally have been deeply touched by the beauty and serenity she brought to all life, and Laura and I miss her very much.

A full obituary for Monica will appear in the next issue of the BRB.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Chur-Hansen, Anna, and George N. Appell, Eds.

2011 Psychiatric Research Among the Iban: Collected Papers of Robert J. Barrett, M.B.B.S. Ph.D. With an Introduction by Clifford Sather, Ph.D. Volume 13, Borneo Research Council Monograph Series. \$55

PUBLICATION SALES

We continue to have sales of back issues of the BRB. Below is the list of monographs sold in the last year:

- Female and Male in Borneo: Contributions and Challenges to Gender Studies - 2
- The Seen and the Unseen: Shamanism, Mediumship and Possession in Borneo - 9
- Traditional Medicine Among the Ngaju Dayak of Central Kalimantan - 3
- A Study of Brunei Dusun Religion: Ethnic Priesthood on a Frontier in Islam - 4
- "Never Stand Alone": A Study of Borneo Sociality - 2
- I.H.N. Evans Bornean Diaries 1938-1942 - 1
- Journey of the Soul: Anthropological Studies of Death, Burial, and Reburial Practices - 2
- Fishing, Hunting and Headhunting in the Former Culture of Ngaju Dayak in Central Kalimantan - 2
- Madness, Death, and Ritual in Melanau Ontology - 2
- The Longhouse of the Tarsier - 4
- The Iban Diaries of Monica Freeman 1949-1951 - 8
- Writing an Identity: Content and conceptions of a Brunei-Dusun "Constitution" of 1981 - 13
- Psychiatric Research Among the Iban: Collected Papers of Robert J. Barrett MBBS Ph.D. - 8

STATUS OF THE BORNEO RESEARCH BULLETIN

Volume Forty-two (2011) of the *Borneo Research Bulletin* was published earlier this year. Volume Forty-three is in the works.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

Sercombe, Peter, and Adrian Clynes, Eds.

n.d. Memorial Volume for Peter Martin. Forthcoming

Sutlive, Vinson, and Joanne Sutlive

n.d. The Memoirs of Janang Ensiring.

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.

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

Laura and I have been encouraged to prepare a monograph on the Rungus people of northern Sabah under the title of: "The Rungus Momogun of Borneo: Trance, Death and Sexual Equality in Cognatic Society". It will be ready for publication by this time next year.

12th Biennial Conference of the BRC

Professor Jacquie Pugh-Kitingan has invited the BRC to convene at Universiti Malaysia Sabah in 2014. And the BRC has accepted this invitation. We look forward to again being in Sabah.

BORNEO RESEARCH COUNCIL MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE AWARDED IN 2012 TO JAY LANGUB

The Board of Directors of the Borneo Research Council takes great pleasure in awarding the BRC Medal of Excellence to Jayl Langub in acknowledgment of his many contributions to our anthropological understanding of Borneo, his life-long dedication to human and indigenous rights, his work in codifying customary law, his humanitarian

concerns as a scholar and active citizen, and his unstinting commitment to forest conservation and the sustainable management of Borneo's natural resources. The 2012 medal was awarded to Jayl Langub and presented during the opening ceremonies of the BRC Eleventh Biennial Conference at the Universiti of Brunei. Jayl is a Senior Research fellow in the University of Malaysia Sarawak's Institute of East Asian Studies.

HELP NEEDED TO REPLY TO INQUIRIES

The BRC office is constantly getting requests for information, almost all of which are beyond my competence. I would like to form a committee of scholars and others to be of help when this occurs so that I can forward on to them the request.

Please let us know if you would be willing to help on these inquiries by sending us your email address.

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.

Reviews which have already appeared in the Borneo Research Bulletin:

Volume 36 (2005):

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

Volume 40 (2009):

- Francis Q. Brearley, "Forest Ecology Research in Borneo, 2003-2008."

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.

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

We need reviews of the linguistic situation in Borneo, research done by Japanese scholars and published in Japanese, historical research in Kalimantan, etc.

FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE COLLECTION OF ORAL LITERATURE AND TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

The BRC has been in contact with a foundation that is willing to award fellowships to support the collection of oral literature and traditional ecological knowledge. If this is of interest to anyone please contact the: brc@borneoresearchcouncil.org.

BRC WEBSITE: www.borneoresearchcouncil.org

Dee Baer brought to my attention of an item on our website that was no longer appropriate. In investigating that I discovered that much of the website is out of date. We are now in the process of updating it. But as this is all done on a volunteer basis, it takes time. Help is always appreciated!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The operating statement is attached.

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