

**BORNEO RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL NEWSLETTER REPORTING THE ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR 2013**

**September 2013**

**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](mailto: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.

## **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

Blust, Robert, and Alexander D. Smith.

2014 A Bibliography of the Languages of Borneo (and Madagascar), Borneo Research Council Reference Series No. 2 Price \$35.00. ISBN #1-929900-15-5 (Includes PDF of text on CD)

## **STATUS OF THE BORNEO RESEARCH BULLETIN**

Volume Forty-four (2013) of the *Borneo Research Bulletin* was published earlier this year. Volume Forty-five is in the works.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION**

Pudarno Binchin

n.d. Singing Siram Ditaan: Composition, Performance and Transmission of Epic Tales of Derato in Brunei Dusun Society. Borneo Research Council Monograph Series No. 14.

Heppell, Michael

n.d. The Seductive Warp Thread: An Evolutionary History of Ibanic Weaving. Borneo Research Council Material Culture Series No. 1.

n.d. Communing with the Dark Side: Borneo's Masks and Masquerades. Borneo Research Council Material Culture Series No. 2.

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.

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.

## **12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:brc@borneoresearchcouncil.org).

**BRC WEBSITE:** [www.borneoresearchcouncil.org](http://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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