

**BORNEO RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL NEWSLETTER REPORTING THE ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR 2015**

**September 2015**

**DEAR FELLOWS AND MEMBERS:**

It is the season to renew your Fellowship or Membership status. The months race across the cosmic canvas as if on a marathon, while I try to turtle my way to extend the time till eternity. But there you are. It is time to renew your membership.

We have enclosed your invoice and a flyer on our recent publications. It has been an extremely busy year!

We have also enclosed 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* and the publications listed in the flyer of recently published works. 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.

**News**

**2016 BRC 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Samarinda, Indonesia**

University Mulawaran in Samarinda has most kindly offered to host the next conference. Please contact the following members of the University Staff for information on dates, conference papers, residence, etc.:

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Jayum Jawan from Sarawak, and a professor at University Putra Malaysia writes:

I am currently the Razak Chair for Malaysian Studies and concurrently a Visiting Professor of Political Science at the Ohio University in Athens, OHIO for a period of 2 years beginning this July.

In my tenure at Ohio, I would very much like to inject more Sabah and Sarawak input to the Malaysian story, and therefore would like to get in touch with our BRC members who are still working on these two Malaysian states. I have surfed our BRC website and have names and places but would appreciate if there is a contact from which I would be able to access some of them.

Those who would like to contact Professor Jayum Jawan, his email is: JAYUM ANAK JAWAN  
jayum@upm.edu.my

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News from Dr. Essau on Prof. Barrett's data:

She has an award to work on the data that Prof Barrett collected. Please see:  
<http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/Courses/Psychology/News/Leading-researcher-in-young-people-s-mental-health-gains-Visiting-Professorship-awards-from-international-universities/>

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Dr. Paul Kratoska will be taking over as editor of the Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. He would like to develop more relations between the BRC and the members of the BRC and MBRAS. He can be contacted at: **Paul Kratoska** [kratoska@nus.edu.sg](mailto:kratoska@nus.edu.sg)

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Greg Acciaioli [gregory.acciaioli@uwa.edu.au](mailto:gregory.acciaioli@uwa.edu.au) writes :

Although most of my work has continued in Sulawesi, I have done some work in Central Kalimantan (on the impact of oil palm plantations around Lake Sembuluh) and in East Kalimantan, looking at the pan-Dayak movement there and its relation to resource and ethnic conflicts. Most recently, I've been looking at the social impact of Tun Sakaran Marine Park just off of Semporna in Sabah. That latter research was the focus of my paper at the BRC conference at UMS. So, I've been becoming a bit of a Borneo person too.

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Paul Cooper, Esq. writes:

I am writing from Australia. I was raised in Borneo and spoke Lun Bawang as a childhood language. I wish to restore this language.....

PETER COOPER LAWYER  
P.O. Box 37  
Abbotsford, Vic. 3067.

I am sure Mr. Cooper would welcome any suggestions or help in his goal of reviving Lun Bawang Language. He can be contacted at : [pcooper@pcooperlawyer.com.au](mailto:pcooper@pcooperlawyer.com.au).

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## **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.

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

Volume Forty-five (2014) of the *Borneo Research Bulletin* was published earlier this year. Volume Forty-six is in the works.

## **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

Pudarno Binchin

- 2014 Singing Siram Ditaan: Composition, Performance and Transmission of Epic Tales of Derato in Brunei Dusun Society. Borneo Research Council Monograph Series No. 14.

Sercombe, Peter, Michael Boutin and Adrian Clynes, eds.

- 2014 Advances in Research on Linguistic and Cultural Practices in Borneo. Borneo Research Council Monograph Series No. 15.

Heppell, Michael

- 2014 The Seductive Warp Thread: An Evolutionary History of Ibanic Weaving. Borneo Research Council Material Culture Series No. 1.

- 2015 Communing with the Dark Side: Borneo's Masks and Masquerades. Borneo Research Council Material Culture Series No. 2.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION**

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.

## **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!

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

We wish to thank the following individuals for their contributions to the BRC:

### **Contributions to the BRC Endowment Fund**

Dr. Robert Blust, Professor Ian Douglas, Dr. Michael Dove, Professor H. Arlo Nimmo, Dr. Rolf Schlömer, Dr. Phillip Thomas, and Dr. W. D. Wilder.

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The operating statement is attached.

**G. N. Appell, Ph.D.**  
**September 2015**