

## PREAMBLE

It will not happen very often that a Botanical Society has at the same time four members, whose memberships last 60 years. The Royal Dutch Botanical Society has this pleasure this year: W. H. ARISZ, C. E. B. BREMEKAMP, G. VAN ITERSOM and TH. J. STOMPS became members of our society in 1908/9. They all can look back on two generations of botanists and be proud of their contribution to the fascinating progress of Plant Science during this epoch.

The Executive Committee of the Society, therefore, believed it justified to devote on this occasion a special issue of the scientific journal of our Society, to all these scientists who have cooperated with it for so many years.

This special issue opens with a treatise by ARISZ on polar transport, and students, former-students, friends, and colleagues have contributed to it as a sign of permanent esteem to those whose jubilee we celebrate, their performances in many fields of plant physiology, plant taxonomy, plant anatomy, and plant genetics, and in commemoration of their distinctive influence during a long period in the history of Dutch botany.

Contributors, board and members of the Society are hoping and willing to continue the great tradition, which our 'hexagenarians' have built up during their long membership in our Society.

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