

Editorial

CALL FOR KNBV-BOTTELIER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Introduction

Hermanus Pieter Bottelier was born in 1910. He finished his Doctorate thesis *cum laude* in Utrecht in 1934. Appointed as lecturer of General Botany at Utrecht University from 1947 onwards, he was offered the chair of plant physiology at the Agricultural University of Indonesia at Bogor, where he worked in 1954 and 1955. Professor Bottelier was editor of *Acta Botanica Neerlandica* from 1967 to 1985 and was honorary member of the Royal Botanical Society of The Netherlands (KNBV) from 1970 onwards. He retired in 1976 and died on 17 April 1996.

A legacy by the late Professor Dr H. P. Bottelier has enabled the KNBV to initiate the Fonds Stipendium Bottelier (Bottelier Scholarship Fund). This Fund provides members with scholarships that are intended to stimulate research in all areas of Botany by young scientists, to assist training of scientists in all areas of Botany, and to facilitate publication of scientific results.

Who is eligible?

Those eligible are members, student members, and contributing members of the Royal Botanical Society of The Netherlands, who qualify as young scientists, i.e. members who have not yet established themselves as senior scientists nor have access to sufficient funds from the organization to which they are affiliated.

What can be funded?

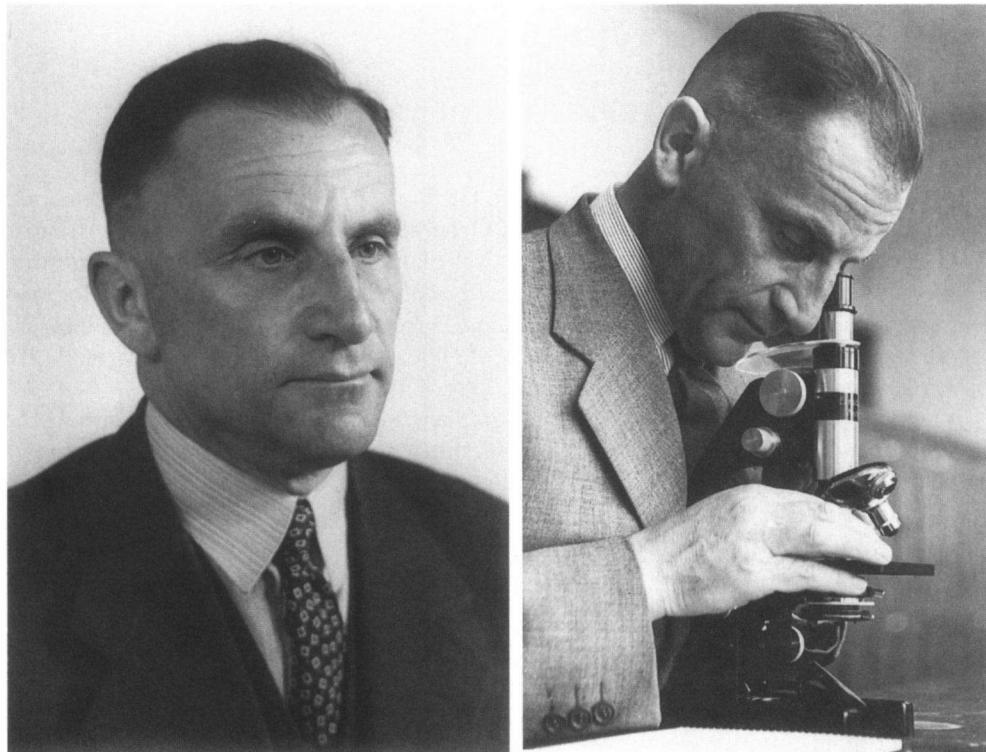
Research projects or elements thereof, training projects, and results dissemination (congresses, books) can be funded. The length of the projects can vary, but short projects are given priority. In general, expensive projects or projects longer than 1 year must be of top quality and priority, and will be subjected to peer review.

How to apply

Each year the Royal Botanical Society of The Netherlands will announce how much money is available for scholarships in the year to come. For 1998, approximately DFL 15,000 will be available. Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the KNBV (Dr M. Smulders, CPRO, PO Box 16, 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands) before 31 January. A grant application consists of a description of the proposed work (max. 3 pages, A4), the amount of money requested, justification of that amount and why the Fonds Stipendium Bottelier should fund this project (max. 2 pages, A4), and a curriculum vitae of the applicant. Applications may be written in Dutch or English, except for projects longer than a year, which must be written in English.

Selection procedure

The board of the Royal Botanical Society of The Netherlands decides whether a proposer and proposed subject are eligible for funding, and then decides upon the application(s) to be funded and the grant amount. The decision of the Board will be first announced at the annual meeting of the KNBV in April or May of the year, whereafter



The photographs of Prof. dr. H. P. Bottelier have kindly been put at our disposal by Mrs Lucie Terken.

the applicants receive a written answer. Correspondence about the decision is not possible. Normally, projects can start as of 1 July.

Funded projects

The applicant will be required to write a final report (max. 4 pages, A4), and/or one or more publications with an acknowledgement to the Bottelier Stipendium Fund of the KNBV. Small stipendia will normally be paid in two parts: 90% before the start of the project, 10% upon submission of the final report. The Board can decide to pay in more terms, or demand proof of expenditures first.

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