



The aim of the Royal Institute for Linguistics and Anthropology is to collect and make accessible books and other documents, to undertake and to stimulate research, and facilitate the publication of books and periodicals about South-East Asia and Oceania, Indonesia in particular, and the Caribbean Area in the Social Sciences and Humanities. The headquarters of the Institute are in Leiden with an office in Jakarta.

Highlights from Annual Report 2001

Introduction

In 2001, the KITLV (KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies) celebrated its 150-year anniversary. At the same time, responsibility for the KITLV's Learned Society was transferred to the Koninklijke Akademie van Wetenschappen (The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences/KNAW). Hereafter the KITLV operates independently but in close association with the KNAW, as one of its institutes.

Celebrations surrounding the 150 years of KITLV were a great success thanks to the efforts of members of the Board, the Institute's personnel and the many volunteers. The various celebratory events were portrayed prominently and positively in national and regional media coverage, and were thus valuable from a public relations viewpoint.

In honour of the official festivities taking place on 9 June in the National Museum of Ethnology, the Institute received a congratulatory letter from its patron, H.R.H. Prince Claus of the Netherlands, in lieu of his presence. Prof. R. Schefold gave a speech that reflected on a century and a half of the KITLV and thereafter presented the president of the KNAW with the first copy of a historical study about the KITLV (*Tussen oriëntalisme en wetenschap; Het Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land, en Volkenkunde in historisch verband, 1851-2001*), written by Dr. Maarten Kuitenbrouwer at the behest of the Board.

On the same afternoon, the exhibition 'Indië ontdekt; Expedities en onderzoek in de Oost en de West' was opened. Together with the richly illustrated accompanying catalogue compiled by Dr. Jet Bakels and Nico de Jonge, MA, it was well received by visitors and the media.

As part of the celebrations, many other events took place:

– In June, the photo exhibition of 'Sukarno, Architect of a Nation' was opened at the National Museum of Ethnology, on which occasion the ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, Abdul Irsan, and the exhibit organizer, Prof. Bob Hering, gave speeches. The exhibition was based on a book of photographs published by KITLV Press.

– Also in June, the KITLV organized the scholarly congress 'Water as a life-giving and a deadly force' and two open-house days. The theme of the first open-house day was 'Images of the Caribbean', and featured a film festival and open-air market. The second day was 'Indonesia Day' and offered attendees lectures, debates, music, theatre and dance performances, and an open-air market.

– During the open-house days, two wall poems, which thereafter graced the walls of the Institute, were unveiled as a visual tribute to the character of the KITLV. One poem, by an anonymous poet, is a nineteenth-century Buginese *élong* and the other, a fragment of the epic *Omeros* by the St. Lucian poet and Nobel Prize recipient Derek Walcott.

– From 7 to 14 June, the Indonesian personnel of the Indonesia Office visited the Netherlands, attended various KITLV gatherings and with E. Sitingak-van Dijk as ‘tour guide’, completed a programme of tourist activities. This event was particularly well appreciated.

– At the end of the anniversary year, KITLV members and contacts received a booklet containing the speech by the president of the Board as well as a retrospective look at the many celebratory events and their portrayal in the media. The costs for the anniversary events were covered by funds the KITLV had accumulated through contributions by diverse organizations and the private members as well as a contribution by the KNAW, which deserves particular recognition.

As of 1 January 2001, the KITLV officially became a KNAW institute. Although neither the aim nor the internal organization of the KITLV changed as a result of this transition, the director is henceforth entirely answerable to the Academy on matters of policy development and implementation. Moreover, in line with KNAW regulations, a research advisory committee, with Prof. V.J.H. Houben as chair, was created.

In 2002, the KITLV will be able to draw on the expertise of an IT specialist who will be lending his knowledge to the KNAW and the KITLV as well as a third KNAW institute.

Dr. G.I.J. Steijlen, coordinator of the Foundation for the Oral History of Indonesia was appointed the KITLV’s ‘Indonesia watcher’.

– Prof. P. Boomgaard published his work *Frontiers of fear; Tigers and people in the Malay world*.

– Prof. C. van Dijk presented his publication *A country in despair; Indonesia between 1997 and 2000*.

– Prof. Oostindie and Dr. Klinkers resolved their earlier dispute with the commissioning agent of their three-part study *Knellende koninkrijksbanden; Het Nederlands dekolonisatiebeleid in de Caraïben* and brought the project to a successful close.

– In February, the new director of the KITLV, Prof. Oostindie, visited Jakarta for a week and met the staff of the Indonesia Office. While there, he spoke with the president of the LIPI, the board of directors of the Arsip Nasional and the Perpustakaan Nasional, the Dutch Ambassador to Indonesia as well as representatives from the University of Leiden, the Library of Congress and the National Library of Australia.

Learned Society

The annual general meeting of the members was held on Saturday 20th May and was attended by forty-six members and five guests. According to the proposal made by the finance committee, consisting of Dr H.A. van der Schoot and Prof. P.J. Drooglever, which was compiled on the basis of the financial report of the treasurer for the year 1999 and the auditor's declaration pertaining to this, the treasurer was accorded approval for his management of the financial administration for the year 1999.

After the official business had been dealt with, Dr H. Spanjaard gave a lecture entitled 'Modern Indonesian Painting: Western influence (1900-1965) and the Process "Back to the Roots" (1965-

2000)'.

Besides the usual annual general meeting on 20th May, in the year under report, two extraordinary general meetings were held, on 11th November and 16th December. The reason for this was the transfer to the KNAW to which the members gave provisional approval on 11th November and full approval on 16th December. The meeting on 11th November was attended by thirty-six members and three guests, and that on 16th December by thirty-five members and five guests. During the meeting on 16th December, Prof. G.J. Oostindie gave a lecture entitled 'Knellende Koninkrijksbanden en de schaduw van Inodnesie'.

During the year under review the honorary member, Prof. C.R. Boxer, died. Professor Boxer produced a great many publications about colonial expansion.

The Board met six times: on 18th February, 20th May, 30th June, 22nd September, 26th October, and 27th November. The number of members dropped slightly in the year under review.

Number of Members	2000		2001	
	BKI	NWIG	BKI	NWIG
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Ordinary Members Netherlands	618	159	613	161
Student Members Netherlands	94	74	98	94
Members Indonesia	351	.	361	.
Foreign Members	329	65	326	54
Honorary Members	4	1	7	2
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Subtotal	1.430	299	1.405	311
Total	.	1.729	.	1.716

Library

Interest in the website of the KITLV increased notably and with 2,806 hits a month, the number of visitors doubled in relation to the previous year (2000:1,765). Access to the collections has been greatly improved with the placement of the online version of the KITLV thesaurus on the website.

Although the rearrangement of the pre-1996 collection was finished, it is estimated that storage space for books will still be completely filled by the middle of the year 2004.

After thirty-three years with the KITLV Rahadi Soejo Karni, MA, retired and was given the

distinction 'Officier in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau' for his outstanding contributions to the KITLV.

The library acquired a total of 3,232 new titles in 2001 (2000:3,427), of which 955 concerned Caribbean studies (2000:1,001). The Indonesia Office acquired 3,916 titles (2000: 4,102) with 233 (2000:196) of these coming from the Malaysian Resource Center and 85 via the Library of Congress. A generous donation of works from Prof. A. Teeuw rounded out the aforementioned total number of books acquired. Overall, there was a slight decrease in the number of books acquired relative to the previous year.

On 20 March, a festive gathering at the Indonesian embassy in The Hague marked the end of a project subsidized by the KNAW: *Batavia-Jakarta 1600-2000; A bibliography* compiled by Dr. Ewald Ebing and Youetta de Jager, MA.

Caribbean Studies

L.E.E. de Laat was employed as a doctoral student as of September 1 and will write a doctoral thesis about migration and identity in twentieth-century Otrabanda, a neighborhood in Willemstad, Curaçao.

Volume 75 of the *New West Indian Guide* was published in June and December of 2001. *Caribbean Abstracts* appeared in July. Part 21 of the Caribbean Series, entitled *Ik heb Suriname altijd liefgehad; Het leven van de Javaan Salikin Hardjo* appeared from the pen of Klaas Breunissen. On 20 April, KITLV Press presented this book together with *Surinaams-Javaans – Nederlands woordenboek* by Hein Vrugink and Johan Sarmo. Together with Ian Randle Publishers, KITLV Press also published *Twentieth-century Suriname; Continuities and discontinuities in a New World society* edited by Rosemarijn Hoefte and Peter Meel.

On 3 December, Ms. M. Levens, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Suriname, was at the KITLV on a working visit in the company of E.S.R. Amanh, ambassador of Suriname.

In conjunction with Leiden University's Institute for the History of European Expansion (IGEER), the KITLV organized a two-day congress on 'Costs and benefits of independence in the Caribbean'. The papers presented, including Dr. Hoefte's contribution on the Netherlands Antilles, Aruba and Suriname, were published in *Itinerario* 25-2.

Fifteen lecturers from diverse universities, institutes and organizations, amongst whom Prof. Oostindie, Dr. Hoefte and Dr. Carlin, participated in the fifteenth annual Inter-University Caribbean Studies Course. The forty-eight students taking part in the eleven-week course evaluated the course positively.

Historical Documentation

With the 400-year anniversary of the founding of the VOC (East Indies Company) taking place in 2002, the foundation for the celebration of 400 years of VOC requested that an information site be created in order to inform the general public about the history of the VOC. Dr. G.J. Knaap acted as the coordinator of the project and, to help with the project, two part-time assistants and a part-time intern were employed.

The department's collection grew, thanks to a number of donors. The photographs and archive material from the estate of P.K.A. Meerkamp van Embden, Dutch consul in Manila in the late eighteenth century, are deserving of particular mention.

J. Boelaars donated his documents about the Jaquai, Auwjoe and Moejoe in southern New Guinea as well as the CETECO'S archive of photographs.

Because of the festivities around the KITLV's anniversary, problems with material conservation, and a temporarily unfulfilled job opening, the department was able to open a smaller portion of its collection to the public than in previous years. One of the exceptions is the collection of Oriental manuscripts and archives.

With 951 visitors to the study center, the number is lower than last year (2000:999), but the number of consultations via Internet increased to 7,485 (2000:6,391).

KITLV Press accepted for publication a manuscript about trade and shipping in eighteenth-century Makassar, written by Dr. G.J. Knaap in collaboration with Prof. H.A. Sutherland. Dr. Knaap and Prof. C. van Dijk organized the fifteenth annual KITLV International Workshop on South-East Asian Studies with the theme of 'Ports, ships and resources; Maritime history of Indonesia in the age of transition, 1870 until the present'.

Research and centre function

Some of the research activities of the Royal Institute are concentrated in the Research Department. The core of the department is the EDEN Project (Ecology, Demography and Economy in Nusantara), and as well as this there are two individual scholars attached to this department. The rest of the research at the Royal Institute is carried out in other departments. All the heads of departments conduct their own research. The Department of Caribbean Studies, quite apart from its own research cluster, also provides facilities for individual research. For more information about the research carried out in departments, please consult the reports of these departments.

Research

The EDEN (Ecology, Demography and Economy in Nusantara) research project, launched in 1992, entered the third year of its second phase. The project's first phase covered the period from

1500 to 1850 and the second from 1850 to 2000. The EDEN project is concerned with the influence of man on nature and vice versa, the principle being that long-term developments in the areas of nature and environment are being neglected, while familiarity with them provides information relevant to policy-making.

As part of EDEN, Prof. P. Boomgaard, who heads the project, published his book on the relationship between man and tiger in the 'Malay' world between 1600 and 1950. Dr. M. Osseweijer, engaged as post-doctoral researcher, completed her dissertation on the exploitation of the sea around Aru. Dr. J.J. Knaapen, doctoral student during the first phase of EDEN, defended his thesis, a study of the ecological history of southeast Kalimantan. KITLV Press will publish a study of the ecological history of North Sulawesi by Dr. D.E.F. Henley in 2002.

Various lectures were held and works published in the scope of the EDEN project. Both the biannual publication *Indonesian Environmental History Newsletter* and the EDEN lectures were a continued success.

Aside from teaching duties at the University of Amsterdam and his role as thesis advisor, Prof. Boomgaard was occupied with the preparations for the workshop 'Water as a life-giving and a deadly force: Water and the state, past and present'; the writing of the text for the Royal Institute of the Tropics' book of photographs; lecturing at the University of Wisconsin; and organizing, together with Dr. Henley, a panel on the history of agriculture and livestock husbandry at the EUROSEAS conference in London. As well, he was involved with the project 'Coping with crisis: Comparative, local and historical dimensions', headed by Prof. B.N.F White and financed by the KNAW.

Prof. C. van Dijk finished the second version of his manuscript on the Dutch East Indies at the time of World War I. KITLV Press published his book about the present economic and political problems in Indonesia in the year under review. Prof. Van Dijk also continued his research on 'The merger of civilizations: The encounter of European, Islamic, Chinese and indigenous culture in insular Southeast Asia'; attended the ICOM Millennium Malaysian Patriotic Song Competition 2002; lectured at Leiden University; and advised doctoral students. He also headed the sub-project 'The traditional religious authority: Ulama and fatwa'; part of the IIAS-ISIM-CNWS-KNAW programme called 'The dissemination of religious authority in twentieth-century Indonesia'.

In November, guest researcher Dr. G.P.A. Termorshuizen published the first part of his work on the history of the press in the Dutch East Indies, *Journalisten en heethoofden; Een geschiedenis van de Indisch-Nederlandse dagbladpers 1744-1905*. This voluminous standard work will be followed by a second part in which the adventures of the Indonesian press until 1942 are recorded.

Centre Function

In the scope of the KITLV's function as a centre for European studies on Southeast Asia, Prof. Boomgaard was involved in various national and international collaborations. Internationally, this included further developing the European Association of South-East Asian Studies (EUROSEAS), the secretarial office of which is housed in the KITLV, with Prof. Boomgaard acting as secretary with assistance from H. Prins, MA. Ms. Prins accepted another position at the end of 2001 and was replaced by Dr. Osseweijer.

Prof. C. van Dijk, M.A. Gravenkamp, and J.J.M. Leemburg-den Hollander continued their work on the *European Newsletter of Southeast Asian Studies* (ENSEAS), a KITLV and EUROSEAS co-

publication.

KITLV Press

Roughly twenty titles appeared at the KITLV Press. Five of these were directly or indirectly related to the 150-year anniversary celebrations. One of these was a tribute to the city that has been a home to the KITLV for more than thirty years, and to this end, the authors Tineke Mook and Bruce van Rijk lead the reader on a walk in search of *Sporen van Indië en Indonesië in Leiden*.

Other publications include:

- Kees van Dijk's ample *A country in despair; Indonesia between 1997 and 2000* generated so much interest in Indonesia that a special Indonesian edition had to be printed.
- The novel *Doekoen*, by Madelon Székely-Lulofs, which had never before been printed as a book, was the KITLV's contribution to the Boekenweek (Book Week) of 2001. Olf Praamstra and Gerard Termorshuizen provided introductions.
- Two titles about the eventful past of Batavia/Jakarta, a collection of essays edited by Kees Grijns and Peter Nas, and the exhaustive bibliography *Batavia-Jakarta* compiled by Ewald Ebing and Youetta de Jager, were presented at the Indonesian Embassy in The Hague.
- Javanese Surinamese stood in the spotlight during the presentation of the *Surinaams-Javaans – Nederlands woordenboek* by Hein Vrugink and Johan Sarmo and *Ik heb Suriname altijd liefgehad; Het leven van de Javaan Salikin Hardjo* by Klaas Breunissen.
- The co-publication with Ian Randle Publishers edited by Rosemarijn Hoeft and Peter Meel, *Twentieth-century Suriname; Continuities and discontinuities in a New World society* was presented to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from Suriname.
- Gerard Termorshuizen's standard work on the Indonesian newspaper press was co-published by Nijgh & Van Ditmar and the KITLV Press and appeared under the title *Journalisten en heethoofden*.
- The publication of *Leerboek Indonesisch* by Hein Steinhauer marked the first time a comprehensive and academically sound manual with CD-Rom became available for the general Dutch public.

The marketing and distribution of KITLV publications were carried out satisfactorily, with the Frankfurter Buchmesse and the American Association for Asian Studies' congress being important venues for these activities. The distribution of KITLV publications was handed over to the University of Washington Press, who will take over this task in January of 2002. A

considerable increase in sales is foreseen as a result of this move.

Sales increased appreciably to f 271,000 (2000:f 162,000). The print run of the *Bijdragen* was 1,900 (2000:1,900), of which 400 copies were printed in Jakarta for the Indonesian members. The *New West Indian Guide* had a print run of 600 copies (2000:675).

The head of the department, Dr. H.A. Poeze continued his work on the period from 1945 to 1949 in the life of Tan Malaka. This ample volume is expected to be finished in 2002, at which time S. Koolhof, MA will complete his dissertation about a *La-Galigo* text.

Indonesia Office

The KITLV's office in Indonesia (Vertegenwoordiging Indonesië/VI) promotes the interests of this institute as well as those of the KNAW and WOTRO in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

The acquisition in Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia of monographs, daily newspapers and periodicals for the KITLV and Van Vollenhoven Institute libraries as well as for Leiden University's library was taken care of by the VI.

More than 200 volumes (2000:196 titles) were received as a result of the exchange agreement between the KITLV and the National Library of Malaysia.

The VI acquired 4,160 (2000:3,636 titles) volumes (2000:3,905) for the KITLV, whereupon these were catalogued and furnished with keywords. The text of 455 (2000:510) of these was transferred to 16mm microfilm and given a short title description. The VI received 203 (2000:192) gift publications in exchange for publications from the KITLV Press.

The number of periodicals that appeared more or less regularly in 2001 was 495 (2000:519), of which 334 (2000:363) hard copy, 82 (2000:144) microform and 42 (2000:12) daily and weekly publications were sent to Leiden.

The VI published a total of 12 books, a number that includes 4 reprints, one of which was *A country in despair; Indonesia between 1997 and 2000* by Kees van Dijk.

The VI maintained the KITLV's relations with its members in Indonesia: member registration, sale of editions, production and distribution of the local reprints of *Bijdragen* and the *European Newsletter of South-East Asian Studies*, and the distribution of a number of copies of *Excerpta Indonesica* and the *EDEN Newsletter*. There were 361 Indonesian members in 2001 (2000:351).

The presentation in Jakarta of the KITLV publication *A country in despair: Indonesia between 1997 and 2000* by Kees van Dijk attracted a great deal of interest. Several days later, two publications were presented in the auditorium of the Indonesian National Library in Jakarta. Two collections were presented about the experience of civil service officials in the Dutch East Indies from 1920 to 1942 and Dutch New Guinea from 1945 to 1962: *Besturen overzee* by S.L. van der

Wal and Besturen in Nederlands-Nieuw-Guinea, 1945-1962 by J.W. Schoorl.

On 6 June, in the Museum Sonobudoyo, an exhibition of photographs from the collection of the Java Institute was opened. After a week, in which more than 5,500 visitors saw the display, the exhibition moved to the Erasmus House in Jakarta, where it attracted an equally great amount of interest.

On 7 September in Leiden, on the occasion of the opening of the exhibition 'Sukarno, architect of a nation', Prof. Taufik Abdullah, president of the Indonesian Research Institute (LIPI), counterpart of the KITLV, was named honorary member of the KITLV. This same exhibition was opened on 24 November in Yogyakarta Karta Pustaka. At the end of the anniversary year, the exhibition was placed on the campus of the ITB (Technical University) in Bandung, Soekarno's alma mater.

Foundation for the Oral History of Indonesia

Activities

The Historical Research Program Japan and The Netherlands (NIOD), the Stichting Fondsenwerving Militaire Oorlogs- en Dienstsachtoffers en Aanverwante Doeleinden and the Programma Wetenschappelijke Samenwerking Nederland-Indonesië (KNAW) subsidized the Foundation's activities. Subsidies were granted for projects with the themes of 'Buitenkampers Japanse Tijd', 'Strijdkrachten en Politie', and 'Bedrijfsleven en Arbeidsverhoudingen'.

In the first months of the year, interviews with persons relevant to the above topics took place. A total of 2,800 hours of interviews was recorded on minidisk, and a summary of these and other data may be consulted in a digital catalogue housed in the Historical Documentation department at the KITLV. Visitors and researchers may also listen to the complete interviews upon making an appointment.

The Foundation's coordinator, Dr. G.I.J. Steijlen, within his mandate of maintaining relations with other institutes concerned with oral history, attended, upon invitation, a workshop about oral history in Karachi (Pakistan) as a 'source-person'. In August,

Dr. Steijlen organized a workshop in Yogyakarta for the KNAW programme, 'Indonesia in transition'.

In the spring, the Foundation organized a four-day conference to mark the end of their interview project. The three components of this conference included an international scholarly conference, 'Changing the guard, guarding the past', about oral history, decolonization, and nation formation. Over 300 visitors frequented a day of workshops and lectures with the theme, 'Stemmen uit Indië'. Finally, there was a two-day 'expert meeting' about oral history and Asia with sessions held at the KITLV, the International Institute of Social History and the NIOD (Netherlands Institute for War Documentation).

In June, Dr. Steijlen and H. Prins, MA, organized a presentation in the Bibit Theatre of the Pasar

Malam Besar in The Hague.

In September, Dr. Steijlen was invited by the University of Okayama in Japan to lecture at various universities and research and documentation centres.