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7 May, 1990

Director
Herbarium Botanical Museum
Carl Skottsbergs Gata 22
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SWEDEN

Dear Director,

I write seeking biographical information on C. Blom who collected the type specimen of *Puccinellia blomii* on wool refuse at Lackalånga. The data are required for an "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses" which is nearing completion.

In particular, I would like to know his years of birth and death and his usual occupation. A page of the Dictionary is included for your information.

With kind regards,



H.T. CLIFFORD
Professor of Botany



Göteborg 19.V.1990

Professor
H. T. Clifford
The University of Queensland
Department of Botany
St. Lucia, Queensland
Australia 4067

Dear Professor Clifford,

In reply to your letter of 7 May, which has been handed over to me, I here give you the required information about Carl Blom.

Dr Carl Blom, 1885-1978. Swedish botanist, curator at the Botanical Museum, Göteborg.

I have taken the liberty in making some corrections and queries on the xerox page of the Dictionary. I hope you do not mind. Maybe you have noticed these misprints already.

With kindest regards

Dr. Bo Peterson
(Bo Peterson)

retired head curator
at the Botanical Museum,
Göteborg.

Department of Botany

30 May, 1990

Dr. B. Peterson
Botanical Museum
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Dear Bo,

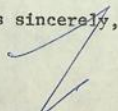
Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter enquiring about Dr. Carl Blom. Furthermore, I am deeply grateful to you for your kindness in correcting and returning the xerox page of the Dictionary.

Some of the errors you noted I would probably never have noticed. On one occasion, I asked a visiting Swede to check his own entry. He handed back the page quite satisfied, whereupon I handed it to his wife who said, "Olav you can't even spell your own name".

In this case, I had taken the incorrect spelling from the Kew list of authors and so my source was wrong but had it not been for my guest's wife, the name would have remained misspelt.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H.T. CLIFFORD
Professor of Botany



Lund 20 February

Dear Trevor and Gill,

I hope you had a good time in Berlin. And thank you for coming to Lund and see me. I am always happy to see you. I hope it will not take too long time until we meet next time.

This letter to tell you that Runemark means that no grasses are named in honour of him. Just some Carexium, he says. And it is a Composite, mentioned after his daughter. If you really will find some Runemarkii-grass, he should be pleased to know! So, sorry I can't keep you. His full name is Hans Per Bengt R. — if you need it!

Last week I had thieves in my house between 6 and 7 in the evening. They

Broke two windows. All things were thrown out on the floor in two rooms. I lost my camera equipment, all spoons, knives, forks in silver, stone-work, handicraft -

This week I have tried to get rid of a glass splitter, cleaned the house, got new and better locks, and I am looking for alarm system. Expensive! But probably necessary.

I wish you a good final time in Denmark and best wishes to the whole family

Bertrand

Anders sends his special thanks for wonderful chocolate, which we were lucky to taste.

29 April, 1991

Dr. G. Dahlgren
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SWEDEN

Dear Gertrud,

On my return to Brisbane, I was very pleasantly surprised to discover I have been allotted no formal undergraduate teaching for the remainder of the Semester. Although there are the usual committee meetings to attend and post-graduate students to supervise, the lack of formal classes means I have more than expected time available for research.

After leaving Copenhagen, I spent a week at Kew and then a fortnight at the Smithsonian working on the Dictionary which should now be finished by the middle of the year. During my recent visit to Europe, about 1,500 new entries were added and countless additions and emendments made to the approximately 11,000 entries already included.

Needless to say, many of the entries and especially those involving people are likely to remain incomplete. It is concerning one of these that I write. The species *Poa norbergii* honors Ingrid L. Norberg and was described by Hultin in Acta Univ. Lund n.ser. 38: 218 (1942). Would you be so kind as to look out the original description and send me any further information recorded therein. It is possible one of your colleagues may know of a biography and, if so, a photocopy would be useful.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

