



We are sad to share the passing of our mentor Ed de Vogel (1942-2021), botanist at the former Rijksherbarium in Leiden, The Netherlands from 1975 to 2004. Ed wrote his MSc thesis on the Apostasioideae under the guidance of the legendary professor Van Steenis, but did his PhD on seedlings of tropical dicotyledons, for which he lived for several years in Bogor, Indonesia. Upon completing his PhD, he continued to work on orchids, especially those from his beloved Indonesia, where he did much fieldwork and also conducted training courses. After his retirement, Ed continued to describe new species that he collected throughout Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, and Papua New Guinea. Even the tiniest orchid in a forest did not escape his attention, earning him the nickname 'Dr. Hoover' in PNG. His last years were spent updating the website Orchids of New Guinea (<http://www.orchidsnewguinea.com/>) and helping to establish an orchid garden in Indonesian New Guinea near Jayapura. His passion for fieldwork and endless drive to discover new species was - and will continue to be - an inspiration to us all.

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