

October 22, 1941

Mr. C. H. Lankester
Las Cóncevas
Cartago, Costa Rica

Dear Mr. Lankester:

The bottle of containing No. 1497, which was preserved in CR. gin, and your letter have just arrived here.

The little orchid is quite an interesting one and I guess that it adds another genus to Costa Rica. It is Lepanthopsis floripectin (Reichb. f.) Ames. Ames described this genus in No. 9 of the first volume of the Bot. Mus. Leaflets. You will find your little plant illustrated there. The species has been previously collected in Honduras, Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil.

I went at once to the index to see if I might follow your suggestion and rename Brenesia for Alberto Brenes. I find that Schlechter has already described a Pleurothallis Brenesii. The ~~xxxx~~ name lateralis is quite a distinctive one, - so far as I know there are only two species in the whole genus which have lateral inflorescences, - even though it appears quite similar to P. lateritia.

Sobralia is, I think, one of the toughest genera of Central American orchids. I have just finished, recently, the ms. for the ~~erehiads~~-of-Panama Sobralias in the flora of Panama and if the key ever works I will be surprised. Never-the-less I have had the temerity to describe two species of Sobralia from Panama recently. All this is merely to say that I will be glad to see your specimen when it flowers again.

Also I shall be glad to have a try at the Peculiar Trichopilia.

It is interesting that you have Pleurothallis saccata again. Apparently all of this that has ever been found was the piece that you sent to Kew and which they sent to Ames for determination, - and went back to Kew. That was fragmentary and only had the basal part of the leaf blade, some inflorescences and a part of the stem. You had stated that that plant was a meter high.

With my regards,



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