

A SYMPOSIUM: THE BIOLOGY OF TROPICAL EPIPHYTES

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In keeping with its goals of research and conservation of tropical plants, especially epiphytes, the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in celebration of its tenth anniversary held a symposium entitled "The Biology of Tropical Epiphytes" on 19 to 21 September 1985 in Sarasota, Florida. A group of over 90 biologists and horticulturists attended the symposium which was the first such conference to specifically address this subject. Botanical and horticultural topics pertaining to epiphytes, including their ecology, physiology, reproduction, systematics, conservation, and cultural management in glass houses and tropical botanical gardens were covered by 28 invited and contributed papers. The 12 papers published in this volume of *Selbyana* by Kress, Benzing, Nadkarni, Ackerman, Putz & Holbrook, Bennett, Gardner, Brown & Gilmartin, Croat, Longino, Renner, and Hammel constitute the core of the

botanical subjects addressed at the symposium. Presentations devoted to horticultural topics will be published separately in the *Bulletin* of the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. A copy of the program booklet containing abstracts of all papers presented at the symposium is available upon request. One of the results of the meeting was the coordination of an effort to compile a reference list of all literature citations (excluding purely taxonomic treatments) pertaining to epiphytes (Watson & Kress, unpubl.). Upon completion this bibliography will be published in *Selbyana*.

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