

FOREWARD

The First International Working Conference on Stored-Product Entomology was held in Savannah, Georgia, in the United States of America during October 7-11, 1974. Meetings were held at the DeSoto-Hilton Hotel and the USDA-ARS Stored-Product Insects Research and Development Laboratory.

The Conference objective was to provide a forum for discussion of current research accomplishments and future research needs. We believe that this objective was achieved due largely to the efforts of the symposium and panel convenors: Dr. Walter H. Jepson, England; Mr. Fred Ashman, Malawi; Dr. Jan H. Boczek, Poland; Dr. S. C. Saxena, India; Dr. E. J. Bond, Canada; Mr. C. E. Dyte, England; Dr. Moshe Calderon, Israel; Mr. F. L. Watters, Canada; Dr. L. S. Henderson, U.S.A., and Dr. E. E. Turtle, FAO (Italy). To each we express our sincere appreciation.

Our appreciation is also expressed to the staffs of our agencies, the Department of Entomology, University of Georgia at Athens and the Stored-Product Insects Research and Development Laboratory, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, who assisted us greatly in the planning and actual Conference operations. We would be remiss if we also did not recognize and extend our appreciation to the many commercial industries and their Associations that provided the financial and moral support to participants and partial funding of this Conference. Your attention is called to the back of the front cover of this Proceedings for benefactors' names and addresses.

Conference attendance exceeded all expectations with participation by 214 scientists, marketing specialists and agricultural administrators from 27 nations. More than 50 symposium and panel presentations and 27 submitted papers provided for an excellent exchange of technology. Special invitational addresses were presented by Dr. Curtis W. Sabrosky, President, XV International Congress of Entomology, and Mr. T. W. Edminster, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

On October 11, the Conference participants issued a statement entitled, "Preservation of Staple Food Stocks Following Production." The statement contained the following resolution which was unanimously agreed to by all participants.

"This Conference, being cognizant of the urgent need for action to provide and preserve a food supply to all mankind, confirms the great importance of losses during storage and transportation - representing wastage of human endeavor, natural resources and energy - which could be greatly reduced by implementation of methods currently known in our applied science."

At an informal meeting of the Conference participants on October 10, a Permanent Committee on Working Conferences on Stored-Product Entomology was constituted. The objectives of this Committee are to assist in maintaining future liaison among the Conference participants and to establish a mechanism for holding future conferences. Membership on the Permanent Committee is as follows:

Jan H. Boczek, Poland	C. E. Dyte, U. K.
E. J. Bond, Canada	Abdel H. M. Kamel, Egypt
M. Calderon, Israel	S. C. Saxena, India
Dana P. Childs, U.S.A. (Secretary)	T. Ajibola Taylor, Nigeria
Melville Connell, Australia	Syunro Utida, Japan
Robert Davis, U.S.A. (Chairman)	Peter Wheatley, U. K.
Horacio Dell'Orto Trivelli, Chile	Keith Whitney, U.S.A.

The Permanent Committee accepted a tentative invitation from Dr. T. Ajibola Taylor to hold the next Working Conference on Stored-Product Entomology in Nigeria in 1978. Dr. Taylor has been requested to pursue formalization of this invitation.

Finally, we would like to state that it was our distinct pleasure to have hosted this Conference. We feel that scientifically everyone gained much through the exchange of technology and the opportunity to meet so many world authorities at one place for a discussion of current research and future research needs.

In the preparation of these Conference Proceedings for publication, we have established a uniform format and limited our editing to the usage of the English language. We hope that this publication will be an extension of the Conference and be an effective vehicle and catalyst for information exchange now and in the future.

The Organizers

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