

## FOREWARD

Following upon the successful First International Working Conference on Stored-Product Entomology in Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A. in 1974, a Second International Working Conference was held in Ibadan, Nigeria, from 10-16 September, 1978. The Second Conference which was sponsored by the National Science and Technology Development Agency of Nigeria (NSTDA) was hosted by the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. The meetings were held at the Conference Centre of the University of Ibadan.

The Conference aimed at furthering the primary objective of providing a continuing forum for the dissemination and discussion of current research and development needs and priorities in the field of stored-products protection. It also reviewed progress made in respect of the urgent need for action on the provision and preservation of food supplies for mankind called for in its October 11, 1974, statement on "Preservation of Staple Food Stock following Production." These objectives were admirably achieved largely by the efforts of the Symposium and Panel Organisers: Prof. G. H. Caswell, Dr. S. C. Saxena, Dr. Jan H. Boczek, Dr. B. R. Champ, Dr. R. Davis, Dr. M. Calderon, Dr. J. O. Oyeniran, to whom we express our deep appreciation.

We also wish to express our profound appreciation to the personnel of our institutions and agencies, the Institute of Agricultural Research & Training (IART), University of Ife, the Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), and the Department of Agricultural Biology, University of Ibadan, who assisted in the planning and execution of the Conference activities. Our gratitude goes to the commercial and publishing houses and the chemical and other agro-allied industries which provided financial, technical, and moral support to participants and partial funding for the Conference; a list of names and addresses of our benefactors is given on the inside of the front cover of this Proceedings.

A total of 69 scientists, technologists, administrators, and agricultural marketing specialists, from over 20 nations, participated in the symposia, panel presentations, and discussions. More than 36 symposium and panel presentations and 20 submitted papers provided for excellent scientific interaction in stored-product entomology and technology. Special addresses were delivered by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, the Federal Director of Agriculture - on behalf of the Honourable Federal Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development -, and the representative of the Executive Secretary of the National Science and Technology Development Agency.

A second formal meeting of the Permanent Committee of International Working Conferences on Stored Product Entomology was held at the Institute of Agricultural Research & Training, Moor

Plantation, on Thursday, 14 September, 1978, with the following in attendance:

Jan H. Boczek (Poland)  
Moshe Calderon (Israel)  
Dana P. Childs (U.S.A.) - Secretary  
Robert Davis (U.S.A.) - Chairman  
S. C. Saxena (India)  
T. Ajibola Taylor (Nigeria)  
P. F. Prevett (United Kingdom)  
F. L. Watters (Canada)  
H. J. Banks (Australia)

The meeting received reports on the first meeting and on the organisation of the Second Conference. A draft constitution for the Permanent Committee was adopted and Drs. R. Davis and Dana P. Childs were returned as the Committee's Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

The Permanent Committee accepted the confirmed invitation from Dr. Jan H. Boczek (Poland) to hold the Third Working Conference on Stored Product Entomology in Poland in 1982. This acceptance was later ratified at an informal meeting of the participants on Friday, 15 September, 1978, and we all look forward to the Third Conference in Poland in 1982.

Finally, we would like to state that it was a distinct pleasure and privilege to host the Second Conference. We believe that the Conference has provided a valuable forum for leading world authorities to meet and exchange scientific and technological information on a subject of great significance to the world food problem; it has also provided a unique opportunity for exposure to and discussion of tropical and developing country storage problems, current research, and future needs.

In the preparation of these Conference Proceedings, we have adopted the uniform format and approach of the First Proceedings. We hope that this publication, as an extension of the Conference, will enhance the flow of information and technology necessary for greater impact of stored-product entomology on world food economy.

#### The Organizers

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