

## News Notes

A completely revised, second edition of the *Herbicide Handbook* is available at \$4.00 per copy. Much new information is included on toxicological properties, and 25 new herbicides have been added; information on all other herbicides has been updated. We believe this handbook will continue to be a most useful book for students in weed science courses, as well as county agents and all others who need information about herbicides. Order your copy now. Send remittance with your order to Dr. F. W. Slife, WSSA Treasurer-Business Manager, Agronomy Department, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

Dr. Boysie E. Day became University-wide Associate Director of Agricultural Research in the University of California. He will work closely with Agricultural Experiment Station Director C. F. Kelly in administration of the agricultural research program on four campuses and the statewide system of field stations. Prior to assumption of these new duties, Dr. Day was Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station for the Riverside campus; he earlier was Chairman of the Horticultural Science Department at Riverside. He also is a former president of the Weed Science Society of America.

Dr. Delbert D. Hemphill, Professor of Horticulture and Research Program Project Leader at the Environmental Health Center, University of Missouri, was awarded honorary membership in the North Central Weed Control Conference at the annual meeting of that organization December 9 in Lexington, Kentucky. This recognition was for his "outstanding contributions to progress in weed control; for a lifetime of devotion to weed control science; and for providing leadership and inspiration for others in this field."

Dr. Dave N. Weaver, recently completing studies for the PhD degree in Weed Control at Texas A&M University and serving as area Extension Agronomist for south Texas, has accepted the position as Extension Specialist in Weed Control with the University of Tennessee Agronomy Department, effective November 10, 1970. This position formerly was held by Dr. D. M. Gossett who accepted the position as Superintendent of the West Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station in Jackson, Tennessee, September 1, following the retirement of Mr. Ben P. Hazlewood.

Dr. C. R. Swanson, Director of the Southern Weed Science Laboratory at Stoneville, Mississippi, and Associate Editor of *WEED SCIENCE*, moderated a panel of scientists during the annual technical meeting early in December of the Arkansas Agricultural Pesticide Association. This meeting was held on the University of Arkansas campus where reactions to the pesticide controversy were discussed in depth by members of this panel. During this 2-day conference, several research

reports were presented by weed scientists, entomologists, and plant pathologists.

Dr. Earl R. Burns recently joined the staff of the Cooperative Extension Service, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, as Extension Weed Specialist. Dr. Burns was formerly on the staff of the Department of Plant Pathology and Weed Science, Mississippi State University.

Professors C. M. Switzer and C. B. Kelly of the Botany Department, University of Guelph, have been named as members of the Advisory Group to the Civic Garden Center on the Better Use of Plant Protectives. This Group was formed by the Toronto Civic Garden Center to serve as a source of information on appropriate use of pesticides.

Dr. Richard D. O'Brien, Director of the Division of Biological Sciences at Cornell University, has been named as the recipient of the 1970 International Award for Research in Pesticide Chemistry. Dr. O'Brien is an outstanding scientist known internationally for his research in mode of action studies and toxicology. Besides his very extensive list of publications, he is author of three books on insecticide toxicology and mode of action. This International Award is presented annually by the Division of Pesticide Chemistry of the American Chemical Society for significant contributions to research in the chemistry of pesticides; it is sponsored by Burdick and Jackson Laboratories, Inc., Muskegon, Michigan. Presentation of the award scroll and \$500 stipend will be made during the spring meeting of that Society in Los Angeles, where Dr. O'Brien will deliver his award address.

A new journal, *PESTICIDE BIOCHEMISTRY AND PHYSIOLOGY*, will be distributed quarterly in 1971 to serve as a source of authoritative, up-to-the-minute information on the continuing search for safe, yet effective, pest control agents and techniques. It will publish original research reports on the biochemistry and physiology of insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and similar compounds. It is edited by Dr. R. D. O'Brien of Cornell University and is published by Academic Press. Among the 23 members of the Editorial Board of that Journal are several prominent members of WSSA, including Drs. C. L. Foy, P. C. Kearney, and D. E. Moreland.

The International Working Group on Weed Control in Vegetables was organized November 17, 1970, during the annual British Weed Control Conference at Brighton. The Group is sponsored under the auspices of the International Society for Horticultural Science. Delegates from many European countries have been nominated to this new Group; in the Western Hemisphere, Canada has nominated an official representative to this organization.

An International Course on Weed Control is scheduled to be held June 7–26, 1971 at Wageningen, the Netherlands. It is sponsored by the International Agricultural Center and the Dutch Coordination Committee for Weed Control, in cooperation with the European Weed Research Council. The course will provide a review of modern weed control principles and an insight on laboratory and field aspects of weed science. For more information, contact The Director, International Agricultural Center, P. O. Box 88, Wageningen, the Netherlands.

An International Symposium on Useful Shrubs of the world's dry lands will be held on the campus of Utah State University at Logan, Utah, July 12–17, 1971. This symposium is designed to bring together interested people from all parts of the world for a thorough review of what is presently known about shrubs. Further information is available from Dr. C. M. McKell, Head, Department of Range Science, College of Natural Resources, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84321, USA.

#### Weed Science Activities in Australia

During the first week in December, 140 weed researchers met at Hobart, Tasmania for the Fourth Australian Weed Research Conference. This Conference is conducted every 5 years under the aegis of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, the senior permanent technical Committee of the Commonwealth. These conferences are designed to be a forum for the exchange of research information. Delegates are restricted to weed scientists directly involved in research projects.

Eight visitors from other countries attended the conference. Six delegates attended from Australian universities where interest in weed science is increasing. A graduate course in weed science has been established by Dr. Peter Michael at Sydney University, and a 2-week course will be taught during August 1971 for 40 Australian graduates working in weed science.

During August 1970, South Australia formed the third Weed Science Society in Australia. Societies with identical constitutions were formed 5 years ago in New South Wales and Victoria, both of which are functioning well and growing in strength.