

News Notes

This column of News Notes will be a regular feature of future issues of WEEDS. The Weed Science Newsletter has been discontinued and items that normally would have appeared therein will appear in this space. Such items you might have for this column should be sent to the Editor.

Membership of the Weed Society of America has expressed a preference for a change in the name of the Society to the Weed Science Society of America. Also, a change in the name of the official journal from Weeds to Weed Science is preferred by a majority of Society members. In compliance with these expressed preferences, the WSA Executive Committee has decided that the change in names will become official and effective as of January 1, 1968.

The Weed Society of New South Wales was launched in May, 1966, with an initial membership of 60 persons. The objectives and constitution of this new Society are similar to those of the Weed Society of America. Mr. A. N. Johnston, Agserv, Australia, is President of the new Society in 1967. Congratulations and best wishes for success are extended to our colleagues in this endeavor.

The First Symposium on Weed Problems in the Mediterranean Areas was held at Oeiras, near Lisbon, Portugal, June 28 through July 1, 1966. It was sponsored by the European Weed Research Council and the Portuguese Weed Control Committee. Papers were presented and discussed on Mediterranean flora, behavior of herbicides in the soil, physiology of plants in relation to weed control under Mediterranean conditions, and on weed control in vineyards, fruit and olive orchards, vegetable crops, and rice. Two full days were devoted to study trips to rice fields and vineyards. Additional meetings on weed problems in the Mediterranean area are planned.

An Asian-Pacific Weed Symposium is scheduled to be held June 12–22, 1967, at the University of Hawaii. Objectives of the Symposium include the establishment of the importance of weed control in the Asian-Pacific area, interchange of current weed control information, and to protect future training and research needs. Requests for further information should be forwarded to Dr. R. Romanowski, Department of Horticulture, University of Hawaii, 1825 Edmondson Road, Room 137, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

A conference on "Biological Effects of Pesticides" will be held May 2–5, 1967, under the auspices of the New York Academy of Sciences at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. The relationship of research on pesticides to health will be emphasized. World authorities on toxicology, metabolism, mode of action, and epidemiological effects of pesticides have been invited to participate as speakers. For further information, contact the Executive Director, The New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63rd Street, New York, N. Y. 10021.

The VIth International Congress of Plant Protection will be held in Vienna, Austria, from August 30 to September 6, 1967. Congress objectives include consideration of methods of controlling plant diseases, insects, and weeds. The Congress is sponsored by the Pesticide Section of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. For further information, contact Professor Dr. F. Beran, Director, Bundesanstalt für Pflanzenschutz, Truntnersstrasse 5, Vienna, Austria.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has scheduled a "Symposium on Crop Losses — Evaluation of Field Losses Caused by Pests and Diseases and of Factors Affecting Epidemics and Outbreaks." The meeting will be held in FAO, Rome, Italy, during the period October 2–6, 1967. A wide range of topics will be presented by outstanding scientists in entomology, nematology, phytopathology, and weed science. Requests for a tentative agenda and other information concerning the Symposium should be addressed to Dr. L. Chiarappa, Crop Protection Branch, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome, Italy.

Dr. Donald E. Seaman, of the University of California at Davis, spent 6 months beginning in July, 1966, with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on a study of weed control in rice at Bangkok, Thailand. Upon his return to the States, he accepted a new position at Syracuse University.

Dr. W. C. Shaw, Assistant to the Chief, Crops Protection Research Branch, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, was elected to a 3-year term on the Governing Board, Agricultural Research Institute, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, at its annual meeting October 11, 1966, in Washington. He is the Weed Society of America's liaison representative to the National Academy of Sciences. In addition, Dr. Shaw was appointed a member of the Agricultural Research Institute's special committee on Pesticide Residues in Feeds and Foods.

In September, 1966, Dr. J. Ralph Hansen was named Manager, Pest Control Services, Synthetics Department, Hercules Incorporated, Wilmington, Delaware. Dr. Hansen joined Hercules as a research Plant Physiologist in 1952 and was associated with the testing and development

of herbicides at the Hercules Agricultural Chemicals Laboratory, Wilmington, Delaware, since 1953.

Prior Publication Policy

When all or the major part of the contents of a manuscript submitted to WEEDS has been published anywhere in any form other than an abstract, such manuscript is considered to have had prior publication and will not be accepted for publication in WEEDS. However, verbal presentation of data as a paper at a regional weed conference or elsewhere does not constitute prior publication; subsequent publication of the information as an

abstract in the proceedings or elsewhere likewise does not constitute prior publication.

Herbicide Handbook

This publication will be available approximately July 1, 1967. It will contain about 250 pages of useful information on all herbicides. Items covered include, nomenclature, chemical and physical properties of the pure chemical, herbicidal use, use precautions, physiological and biochemical behavior, behavior in or on soils, toxicological properties, synthesis and analytical methods, and source. Estimated cost is \$3.50 per copy. Further details available in July issue of Weeds.