

## News Notes

Dr. A. R. Saghir joined the Department of Plant Pathology and Physiology at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI & SU), Blacksburg, July 15, 1971 as a Visiting Professor of Plant Physiology. Dr. Saghir is on sabbatical leave from the American University of Beirut (AUB), where he holds the position of Associate Professor of Agronomy. His teaching duties at AUB are in weed science and crop physiology, and his research activities are related to the biology and control of parasitic plants and the effects of herbicides on crop quality. During his stay at VPI & SU, Dr. Saghir is working with Dr. C. L. Foy, Professor of Plant Physiology, on the mechanisms of parasitism of parasitic phanerogams, particularly *Orobanche*. Next spring, Dr. Saghir will visit the University of California field stations to get acquainted with the applied phases of weed control which may be suitable for Lebanese Agriculture.

Dr. W. E. Chappell, Professor of Plant Physiology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, who has been on leave with Aerial Enterprises, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia since July 1969, has returned to his duties in the Department of Plant Pathology and Physiology at VPI & SU. Among other responsibilities, he will continue to direct and conduct research on the control of woody plant species and aquatic weeds.

Dr. George Euel Coats, formerly Instructor in the Department of Plant Pathology and Physiology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg while completing requirements for the Ph.D. in Plant Physiology, has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Weed Science at Mississippi State University, State College. His new duties involve both research and teaching in weed science.

Dr. C. L. Foy, Professor of Plant Physiology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, recently presented a day of lectures on Herbicide Chemistry before a United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) group at Syracuse University. The lectures were part of an 8-week course for participants from several foreign countries, sponsored jointly by UNIDO and Syracuse University Research Corporation (SURC). Dr. Gunter Zweig, Director, Life Sciences Division at SURC, is Co-Director of the course which has been given annually.

Dr. J. D. Banting, Canada Agriculture Research Station, Regina, Saskatchewan, left in August for a year "Transfer-of-work." He will be at the Weed Research Organization in England working with Dr. K. Holly and J. Holroyd, where his studies will be focused on the mode of action of grass herbicides.

Mr. Wayne Houston became Extension Agronomist-Weed Control, Mississippi State University, State College, Mississippi, July 1, 1971. He will work with weed control practices in agronomic crops, practices involving safe usage of herbicides, and an overall statewide promotional

effort in weed science. He will work cooperatively with other Mississippi Extension Commodity Specialists and will provide leadership to all programs specifically dealing with weed control. Mr. Houston formerly served as State Extension Cotton Specialist.

Dr. Kenneth E. Frick, Research Entomologist, Biological Control of Weeds Investigations, Entomology Research Division, ARS, USDA, arrived from Albany, California, in June 1971 to join the Southern Weed Science Laboratory, Crops Protection Research Branch, ARS, USDA, Stoneville, Mississippi. He will study the bio-nomics of insects and mites associated with native weed species or weeds that have been introduced from foreign countries. The main emphasis will be on insects which may be useful in the control of weeds associated with field crops.

Dr. John R. Potter joined the staff at the Southern Weed Science Laboratory, Crops Protection Research Branch, ARS, USDA, Stoneville, in June 1971. He will study the influence of environmental factors on the physiology of weeds common to the South. Dr. Potter studied the effects of senescence on chloroplast and cytoplasmic ribosomes and proteins in tobacco leaves at the University of Arizona where he received the Ph.D. degree. Before coming to Stoneville, he worked on the effects of desiccation on photosynthesis for over a year as a Research Associate at the University of Illinois.

Dr. James M. Chandler recently received the Ph.D. degree in Crop Science with emphasis in weed control at Oklahoma State University. He joined the staff of the Southern Weed Science Laboratory as a Research Agronomist in May 1971. His research area will be cotton weed control in the southern United States.

Dr. Bonnie J. Reger, Plant Physiologist, joined the staff of the Southern Weed Science Laboratory in June 1971. She will be concerned with determining physiological and biochemical differences between crop and weed species to provide a basis for developing highly specific and efficient selectivity in weed control. Dr. Reger recently completed 2½ years of postdoctoral work at Biology Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratories, and a 6-month assistant professorship in the Botany Department at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Grant H. Egley joined the staff of the Southern Weed Science Laboratory at Stoneville in September 1970. His current research responsibilities concern the physiology of weed seed dormancy and germination. He was formerly located at the Witchweed Laboratory, Crops Protection Research Branch, ARS, USDA at Whiteville, North Carolina.

In the article "A carrier for some water-soluble herbicides" (Shellhorn and Hull), WEED SCIENCE 19:102-106, 1971, a change should be made in the caption to Figure 1 on page 104. In the third line of that caption

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following carrier 'B', the ratio 50:50:10 should be changed to 50:25:15:10.

In the article "Biological and non-biological dissipation of trifluralin from soil" (Messersmith, Burnside, and Lavy), WEED SCIENCE 19:285-290, 1971, the name of the fungus reported as *Phycomyces mycotypha* should be changed to *Peziza ostracoderma* Korf.

Dr. W. R. Furtick and Dr. R. R. Romanowski, Jr. are authors of the Weed Control Research Methods Manual just published by the International Plant Protection Center, Oregon State University. The manual is designed to provide information useful to personnel involved in establishment of new weed control research programs. Much of the material also is considered to have broader applicability to established weed research programs. Copies are available at \$3.00 each from Information Services, International Plant Protection Center, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331.

The new Secretary for the Sociedad Chilena Control

de Malezas is Miss Adriana Ramirez de Vallejo, Casilla 5427, Santiago, Chile. Other 1971-1972 officers include Moises Escaff, President; Sergio Lazen, Treasurer; and Ramon Valdes and Carlos Fernandez, Directors. Information concerning that organization is available from Miss Vallejo.

Proceedings of the East African Herbicide Conference held August 26-28, 1970 at Arusha, Tanzania, are available now. For further detailed information, contact the Director, Tropical Pesticides Research Institute, P. O. Box 3024, Arusha, Tanzania.

The Fourth Israeli Weed Control Conference was held December 29-30, 1970 at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. Proceedings of these meetings are expected soon. English abstracts of these proceedings will be available at \$5.00 per copy to research workers. Additional information is available from Mr. E. Luz, Secretary, Weed Science Society of Israel, P. O. Box 13, Tel Aviv, Israel.