

PREFACE

The Thirteenth Conference of the IOCV was held at the West Lake Hotel in Fuzhou, Fujian Province, China from November 16 to 23, 1995. There were 89 delegates from 20 countries. The welcome address was given by Fujian Vice-Governor Tang Wanheng who was introduced by Prof Ke Chung, the Chairman of the Conference Organizing Committee. IOCV Chairman Antonio Catara also welcomed delegates to the conference.

A total of 102 papers were presented. The first day's sessions began with two introductory papers, one by Stephen Garnsey (read in his absence by Richard Lee) on progress in the study of graft-transmissible diseases of citrus since the IOCV was founded, and the other by Zhao Xueyuan on citrus production and diseases in China. The rest of the first day and most of day two was devoted to tristeza—34 papers in all. Day two ended with a session on leprosis and psorosis. Day three was taken up with papers covering a variety of other viruses, blight, variegated chlorosis and stubborn. Delegates took a break from paper presentations on the fourth day, and were taken by bus to visit a citrus planting in nearby Minhou County to view huanglongbing and canker. After lunch, another citrus orchard at Nanyu was visited. Nanyu has special meaning since it is near the birthplace of the late Prof Lin Kongxiang (Kung Hsiang), the pioneer of huanglongbing research. Day five found delegates back in the conference hall for papers on huanglongbing (greening). It was decided to dedicate the Proceedings of the 13th conference to Prof Lin, and to adopt huanglongbing as the official name of the disease. The rest of day five and part of day six were taken up with viroids, followed by surveys, status reports and virus-free programs. The IOCV business meeting was held after the final session.

On the social front, delegates attended a banquet on the first evening hosted by the Fujian Provincial government which was represented by Vice-Governor Wan Jiansen. The following evening, the Fujian Opera and Ballet Theatre Song and Dance Ensemble entertained delegates with a wonderful program. A relaxing karaoke evening was held on the fourth evening, and the farewell banquet took place on the final evening at which Antonio Catara handed over the chairmanship to Richard Lee whose first duty was to announce the election of Patricia Broadbent-Barkley as chairman-elect. Warm appreciation to Ke Chung and the various committees was expressed for their excellent organization of the conference and associated activities.

November 23 was set aside for sightseeing, and visits were made to Drum Mountain, the South China Agricultural University and Mawei Port near Fuzhou. On Nov 24, 29 delegates flew to Chengdu, Sichuan Province to begin the post-conference tour which began the following day. This included a visit to the Citrus Virus-Free Propagation Center at Chongzhou where 25 shoot-tip

grafted cultivars or budlines are maintained. In the afternoon, the over 2,200-yr-old Dujiang Weir was visited. On the second day, delegates traveled from Chengdu to Neijiang to visit the memorial to the painter Zhang Daqian, and the citrus farm of Shung-qiao reservoir where symptoms of exocortis, tatter leaf and iron deficiency were observed. The people there had constructed a road especially for the buses carrying the IOCV delegates. The following day Yao-ba village in Fushun County was visited to see a planting of Robertson navel on tangerine rootstock. Indexing has shown the presence of exocortis in these trees, and severe tristeza has been detected there. The marvelous dinosaur museum at Zigong was also visited. After spending overnight in Dazu, delegates were taken to the wonderful Stone Sculptures nearby, and then on to Chongqing. The first stop was the zoo to visit the famous pandas. In the evening delegates viewed the lights of Chongqing from Eling (Goose Hill) Park. The last day of the tour included a stop at a Eureka lemon orchard showing clear exocortis symptoms, a visit to the virus-free propagation center near Beibei and an excellent tour of the Citrus Research Institute at Xiema Town, Beibei. At a farewell dinner back in Chongqing, IOCV chairman Richard Lee expressed sincere thanks to Prof Zhao Xueyuan and his colleagues for organizing this unforgettable experience, and to the people of the Sunshine Travel Agency in Chongqing.

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