

Preface

CITRUS VIRUS DISEASES are such important problems that laboratories for their study have been established in all the important citrus-growing regions of the world. The largest of these laboratories is at Riverside, California, where nine or more specialists devote much of their time to study of these virus diseases.

When the fiftieth anniversary of the Citrus Experiment Station of the University of California was celebrated, citrus virologists from around the world were invited to meet at Riverside in November, 1957, and discuss their mutual problems. One result of this Conference was publication of 35 papers in *Citrus Virus Diseases*, edited by James M. Wallace and published by the University of California Division of Agricultural Sciences at Berkeley. Another result was the banding together of the citrus virologists into an informal organization called *The International Organization of Citrus Virologists*. Dr. Wallace was elected chairman of the new organization.

The Second Conference of the International Organization of Citrus Virologists was held in Florida November 7-11, 1960. Formal papers were presented at meetings at the Citrus Experiment Station of the University of Florida, Lake Alfred, on Monday and Tuesday and in Orlando on Thursday and Friday; a field trip arranged by the Florida State Plant Board through an area having the largest concentration of citrus trees in the world was made on Wednesday; a business meeting was held at the USDA Horticultural Station in Orlando on Saturday morning; and another field trip was made in the Orlando area on Saturday afternoon. Some of the delegates elected to take an optional field trip to the Indian River area on Saturday and Sunday. Dr. T. J. Grant was elected to succeed Dr. Wallace as chairman.

Delegates from Argentina, Brazil, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Taiwan, Trinidad, Tunisia, Turkey, United States, and Venezuela attended the Second Conference. Forty-

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one papers were presented and 12 additional papers were read by title because the authors were unable to attend in person.

The 35 papers in *Citrus Virus Diseases* summarize the observations, research findings, and development of control methods from the beginning to 1957. The 47 papers in the present volume represent progress made since then. Consequently, reviews of literature and literature citations have been kept to a minimum; the reader is referred to *Citrus Virus Diseases* for more extensive citations.

This volume, *Proceedings of the Second Conference of the International Organization of Citrus Virologists*, and other volumes to follow, will bring together in one place the most recently accumulated knowledge about a very important group of diseases—the citrus virus diseases. The volumes will be of interest to many individuals who are not specialists in virus diseases—to pathologists, horticulturists, citrus growers, production managers, nurserymen, service and regulatory service personnel, and teachers in all countries where citrus is grown.

Many of the manuscripts submitted for publication were too long to be published here in their entirety; had they been so published, the *Proceedings* would have been almost twice as long as it now is. Authors were very generous in permitting their manuscripts to be cut to pieces and shortened and in allowing me to delete many excellent illustrations that could not be included because of the cost that would have been involved in reproducing them. The changes made, including those of literature citations, are in keeping with the policies adopted by the Committee on Form and Style of the Conference of Biological Editors and published in the *Style Manual for Biological Journals*.

In editing the *Proceedings*, I attempted to make the language as clear and concise as possible, but avoided changing an author's conclusions or point of view. Many of the papers are written by those to whom the English language is not native and some of them contain expressions that may sound peculiar to the American ear; when such expressions do not present an ambiguity, they add a certain flavor to which the author is entitled.

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