

News Notes

Dr. R. A. Peters, Professor of Agronomy at the University of Connecticut, spent the first 6 months of 1967 on sabbatic with the Weed Research Organization at Oxford, England.

According to Dr. E. C. S. Little, Overseas Officer with the Weed Research Organization at Oxford, his views concerning the logical choice of a name for the science of weed control will be published in the form of a complete article in the September, 1967 issue of Pest Articles and New Summaries, Section C—Weed Control. He reasons that the term 'Weed Science' for this discipline is not well adapted to international use and points out that it was not derived by the classical method of selecting a term ending in '-ology' meaning 'the study of'. After further discussion and listing of various examples, he concludes that a logical choice would be 'tology' as a term to use in reference to the science of weed control. Weed scientists will be interested in reading his complete article when published as indicated above.

Three common names were approved recently for use in WSSA publications. They were metobromuron for *N*-(*p*-bromophenyl)-*N'*-methyl-*N'*-methoxyurea, fluometuron for 3-(*m*-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea as herbicides formulated and sold by the CIBA Corporation as Patoran and Cotoran, respectively, and propachlor for 2-chloro-*N*-isopropylacetanilide formulated and sold by Monsanto Chemical Company as Ramrod.

The list of 'Common and Chemical Names of Herbicides' appearing on the outside back cover of each issue of WEEDS has been reduced in length beginning in this issue of the journal. Herbicides no longer in use in the United States have been dropped from the list.

This column reported in the April issue that change of the Society name to Weed Science Society of America and of the journal WEEDS to Weed Science would become effective January 1, 1968. That report was only partially correct in that the change in the name of the Society to Weed Science Society of America was effective as of February 16, 1967, the last day of the annual meetings in Washington during which this preference of Society members was announced. However, the name of the Society as listed on the journal WEEDS and the name of WEEDS will remain unchanged until the January, 1968 issue.

Items appropriate for use in 'News Notes' should be forwarded by Society members to the Editor of WEEDS.

Abstracts

An abstract should state briefly and explicitly what is reported in the manuscript or report it represents. The author should avoid such terms as "Effects of excessive amounts of propylene glycol butyl ether esters of 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) on corn (*Zea mays* L., var Dixie 18) seedlings are discussed"; write instead "Excessive amounts of propylene glycol butyl ether esters of

2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) caused stem bending, leaf rolling, and eventual death of corn (*Zea mays* L., var. Dixie 18) seedlings". Scientific nomenclature rather than proprietary terms should be used. The abstract must be completely self-explanatory and intelligible in itself; references to literature, illustrations, and tables should be omitted. The abstract should be as short as possible to still be complete, but the maximum length should be 250 words in WSSA Abstracts/or 3% of the length of the manuscript being represented in WEEDS.

Herbicide Handbook

Dr. Herbert M. Hull, Chm., of a sub-committee of the Monographs and Annual Reviews Committee, announces the completion of the Herbicide Handbook. This 290 page manual is now available from F. W. Slife, Bus. Mgr. Agronomy Dept. University of Illinois, Urbana 61801. Cost is 3 dollars per copy for orders from USA, Canada, and Mexico. Copies to other countries are 3.50 dollars.

Pesticides Monitoring Journal

A new Federal journal devoted wholly to information on pesticide levels relative to man and his environment was to appear in June, 1967. Reports therein will be restricted to those presenting data gathered from air, earth, water, food, and life by the various monitoring programs operated by the Federal Government, states, universities, hospitals, and non-Government research institutions. The Pesticides Monitoring Journal will be published quarterly under the auspices of the Federal Committee on Pest Control made up of representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, the Interior, and Health, Education, and Welfare. Further information is available from Editorial Manager, Pesticides Monitoring Journal, Pesticides Program, National Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Changes Name

The Western Weed Control Conference, a Charter Conference member of the Weed Science Society of America, has changed its name to Western Society of Weed Science. Abbreviation to be used in WSSA publications will be WWS.

The Weed Society of Victoria

The Weed Society of Victoria, the second weed society formed in Australia, was formulated at a public meeting of 45 interested persons August 25, 1966. The main objective of that Society is to foster communication between all people interested in weeds and their control, whether from research, advisory, regulatory, commercial, or contracting aspects. The first President of that Society is Mr. W. T. Parsons, Keith Turnbull Research Station, Private Bag, Frankston, Victoria, Australia. Best wishes to the Weed Society of Victoria from the Weed Science Society of America.