

EDITOR'S FOREWORD

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The International Conference on Tropical Entomology was held in Nairobi from 31st August to 5th September 1986. The conference brought together over 300 scientists from 35 countries from around the world representing many countries from the tropics and other geographical regions. This was the first such international conference on tropical entomology. The conference was devoted entirely on insects of tropical importance in terms of diversity, life-history and associated processes, and economic importance. The experts presented special plenary lectures, symposia papers, 10-minute papers and posters. There have been major contributions on taxonomy, behaviour and physiology; population dynamics and migration; and biological control and other novel insect control methods. One symposium considered the need of teaching and training in insect science.

The Organizing Committee strongly felt that the proceedings of the conference should be published in a form which would be accessible to not only the participating members, but also to those who did not have the opportunity to attend the conference, but would find the papers most interesting and of benefit in their own field of research.

The journal *Insect Science and Its Application* is proud to publish this important proceedings of the conference as a special triple issue in the eighth volume. The Proceedings include all the plenary

lectures, papers presented at 12 symposia and a few relevant papers from the general sessions. Because of the limitation of the size of the issue, it was not possible to publish all the papers presented at the Conference. Despite such limitations we feel that the proceedings will be a valuable addition to insect science in general and to the tropical entomology in particular.

We would like to express our appreciation to the authors of the papers for their valuable contributions which in most cases arrived in time for processing through the publication procedures. The Publication Committee of the conference assisted us in many ways particularly in advising the authors regarding the size and preparation of the manuscripts. We would also like to thank Drs D. L. Denlinger, R. Farrow, K. M. Harris, H. R. Herren, R. Kumar, P. Neuenschwander, D. J. W. Rose, R. C. Saxena and J. S. Yaninek, for going through the manuscripts and making recommendations.

Because of the diversified nature of the contributions, editing of these papers has been a difficult task. However, we have tried our best to fully comprehend the material submitted and we hope that our readers will be happy with the results. Nevertheless, the responsibility for published opinions, and facts presented, rests entirely with the authors of each contribution.