

## REPORT ON ISSIS-IX AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Ninth International Symposium on Scale Insect Studies was held in Padua, Italy, from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 hosted by Giuseppina Pellizzari. Some 83 participants representing 24 countries attended the Symposium.

### *Business Activities*

The Plenary Session was opened on 3 September at 9:30A.M. by Professor Giuseppina Pellizzari at the Historical University Palace. Greetings were presented by the pro-Rector of the University, Professor Bisol and Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Bittante. Giuseppina Pellizzari provided welcoming and opening remarks to the attendees.

Dr. Yair Ben-Dov led the participants in a silent tribute to the twelve coccidologists who died since our last meeting. These included: John Beardsley, Jr. (1927-2001), Oscar D. Beingolea Guerrero (1920-2001), George Wallace Dekle (1916-2000), Lucien Goux (1905-2000), Zola Konstantinovna Hadzhibejli (1911-1999), Vincenzo Lupo (1908-1999), Galina Iakovlevna Matesova (1926-1998), William Robin Richards (1926-1998), Charles Ernest Rungs (1908-1999), John Benjamin Steinweden (1905-1999), Charles Chia-chu Tao (?-2000), and Tze-ching Wang (1941-1997).

Giuseppina Pellizzari introduced the members comprising the various committees, which included: the International Advisory Committee (Yair Ben-Dov, Lerzan Erkilic, Penny Gullan, Chris Hodgson, Ferenc Kozár, Douglass Miller and Giuseppina Pellizzari), Local Organizing Committee (Patrizia Dall'Ara, Paolo Fontana, Valeria Malagnini, Santi Longo, Salvatore Marotta, Gaetana Mazzeo, Francesco Porcelli, Agatino Russo, Antonio Tranfaglia and Giuseppina Pellizzari co-ordinator), Recording Committee (Lyn Cook, Rosa Henderson, and Paris Lambdin), Resolution Committee (Jan Giliomee, Maurice Jansen and Michael Williams), and the Site Selection Committee (Mona Ghabbour, George Japoshvili, Ismail Karaca, Michael Kosztarab, Danièle Matile Ferrero, Francesco Porcelli and Zvi Mendel).

Dr. Ben-Dov introduced the following proposal for consideration by participants at the final business meeting regarding the adoption of guidelines for organizing and convening an ISSIS symposium.

1. The ISSIS meetings will convene once in three years, unless a different interval will be adopted at a Business Session.
2. The Site and Coordinator for a next ISSIS will be resolved at the Final Business Session of a convening ISSIS.
3. The Coordinator will be entitled to select the members of the Organizing Committee.
4. The Coordinator will propose to the First Business Session of a convening ISSIS meeting the names of members for the following committees:

Recording Committee -3 members

Site Selection Committee -5 members

Resolution Committee -3 members

International Advisory Committee (IAC) -5 members.

5. The Coordinator of a convening ISSIS will be a member of the International Advisory Committee for the subsequent 3 years.
6. The adoption of the Committees, listed in (5) above, will be resolved by voting of the participants in the First Business Session of a convening ISSIS.
7. The Coordinator and Organizing Committee of a convening ISSIS will be responsible for publishing the Proceedings of the respective ISSIS.
8. It is recommended that the Resolution Committee designate a member of the ISSIS Meeting to recognize and thank the Coordinator and Organizing Committee of a Meeting for the efforts and contributions made.
9. Production of the Proceedings. The Proceedings will be published in English. Because the effort now required to organize each ISSIS Meeting has increased considerably, it is apparent that the production of the Proceedings is a major extra burden. Therefore, it is recommended a committee be formed primarily of members fluent in English to assist in the major editing of the Proceedings of a Meeting.
10. Amendments to these Recommendations may be proposed first to the International Advisory Committee. The adoption or rejection of an amendment will be resolved by voting at a Business Session.

Yair Ben-Dov asked that suggestions be submitted by attendees for discussion at the upcoming final business meeting on Friday.

Chris Hodgson announced that the 77 papers and abstracts presented at the 1998 meeting in Wye, England had been published in *Entomologica* and copies had been mailed to the authors. Chris Hodgson was commended for the excellent job he did in the review and arrangement of these papers in this special journal edition.

On 7 September, the final business meeting was called to order at 12:00P.M. by Michael Williams. Giuseppina Pellizzari called on Dr. Ismail Karaca who proposed that the 10<sup>th</sup> ISSIS meeting be held in Adana, Turkey in 2004. Zvi Mendel seconded the motion. Ismail Karaca provided details of the site selected. The motion was presented to the floor and approved. Yair Ben-Dov read an invitation by A. H. Amin and Mona Ghabbour to hold the next meeting after Turkey in Egypt. No action was taken at this time.

Yair Ben-Dov proposed a resolution for the formal organization of the symposium based on the proposal previously submitted during the plenary session. This organization to be a Recording Committee consisting of three members, a Site Selection Committee consisting of five members, a Resolution Committee consisting of three members, and an International Committee consisting of five members with members serving for three years to coincide with meeting times. The resolution was

placed in the form of a motion by Paris Lambdin and seconded by Mike Williams. The motion was presented to the body and accepted.

Mike Williams, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, proposed a series of resolutions to the attending participants as follows: "Whereas the IX ISSIS held in Padua, Italy, September 2-8, 2001 has been a well organized, intellectually stimulating, and enjoyable symposium, and Whereas the success of this meeting was accomplished through the sponsorship of the University of Padua, The National Academy of Entomology, Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo, Bayer and Sipcarn, as well as the Local Organizing Committee and assisted by Valeria Malagnini, Patrizia Dall'Ara, Cristina Scopel, Caterina Capuzzo, Marianna and Giulia Scaltriti, So Be It Resolved that the Symposium participants and guests, representing 24 countries, offer their praise and heartfelt thanks for a job well done. A second resolution was read as follows: "The participants wish to recognize Evelyn Danzig for her distinguished contributions over her career to the systematics of the scale insects". The third resolution was read as follows: "We express our deep appreciation to Giuseppina Pellizzari and her family for going well beyond the call of duty in organizing and conducting an extremely successful meeting and for making everyone feel comfortable and welcome. The Participants also wish to express their thanks to Professor Marchesini, Rector of the University, and to Professor Bittante, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, for providing the excellent facilities, and to the staff for their kind help and assistance throughout the meetings". The resolutions were adopted with the following response: "We, the participants of the Ninth International Symposium of Scale Insect Studies, in Padua, Italy, unanimously adopt the proposed Resolutions".

Giuseppina Pellizzari proceeded to announce committee assignments for the session as introduced in the plenary session. Salvatore Marotta presented a gift to Giuseppina Pellizzari as a token of appreciation by the participants for all her effort and sacrifice of time she dedicated to making this meeting a success. Salvatore was most helpful to all, acting as a guide to the city and assisting participants in their housing and travel arrangements. Likewise, Paolo Fontana looked after all the interests of the group staying in Legnaro. Valeria Malagnini and Paolo Fontana were instrumental in assisting speakers with their presentation and running the slide projectors. Patrizia Dall'Ara, Cristina Scopel, Caterina Capuzzo kindly provided assistance during the field trips, etc.

Michael Kosztarab requested that all sign the cards and attendance sheet located in the lobby during the break. The greeting cards from ISSIS-IX meeting were signed by most of the attending participants and sent to colleagues who were unable to attend. Also, copies of the attendance sheet were provided to all as a souvenir of our meeting.

### *Presentations and Discussions*

A total of 48 papers and 31 posters were presented during the meeting. The posters were displayed in the main hall at the Legnaro venue for participants to study throughout the latter 4 days of the meeting.

Doug Williams provided an outline of the meeting and introduced the first presentation. The presentations were grouped into 12 sessions with each consisting of from 3 to 8 papers. Moderators for the sessions were: Doug Williams (UK), Yair Ben-Dov (Israel), Ray Gill (USA), Maurice Jansen (Netherlands), Francesco Porcelli (Italy), Agatino Russo (Italy), Ferenc Kozár (Hungary), José Carlos Franco (Portugal), George Japoshvili (Georgia), Michael Kosztarab (USA), Zvi Mendel (Israel), and Penny Gullan (USA).

The opening session convened on September 3<sup>rd</sup> of papers on Morphology and Systematics. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, the meeting moved to the Faculty of Agriculture campus of the University of Padua, at Legnaro, until the end of the Symposium. The morning sessions continued with papers on Morphology, Systematics, Zoogeography and Faunistics, while the afternoon sessions were on Biology, Monitoring and Population Dynamics. The posters were displayed for the duration of the meeting. Giuseppina Pellizzari closed the session for the day and announced we would meet at 8:45PM to attend the evening concert. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, Chris Hodgson passed around his copy of *Entomologica* for members to observe. The morning sessions continued with presentations in the area of Biology, Monitoring and Population Dynamics. In the afternoon, members continued to review the poster displays. During the second afternoon session, discussions on the status of Homoptera-Hemiptera and the potential position of the scale insects were presented by a panel consisting of Michael Kosztarab, Paris Lambdin, and Penny Gullan. After an extensive discussion on the topics by several members attending the session, it was decided that no binding decision could be made at this time. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the two morning sessions consisted of papers on scale insect pest control. The business meeting convened at noon and the ISSIS-IX meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

The papers throughout the meetings were well-presented and most informative. The papers ranged in length from 15 to 25 minutes. The quality of the visual aids used with most talks was outstanding, making the sessions quite enjoyable.

#### *Additional Activities*

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, a tour of the University Historical Palace was provided by Giuseppina Pellizzari and staff. Participants also enjoyed a tour of the University Botanical Garden at the close of the afternoon sessions. During the evening of September 4<sup>th</sup>, the participants attended a concert at the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua performed by "I Musici Patavini": Floriana Pezzol (soprano), Matteo Mignolli (flautist), and Maddalena Murari (pianist). On September 6<sup>th</sup>, attendees were taken by bus on an excursion and field trip to the Forest of Cansiglio where they had a spectacular westward view of the Alps and less clear view of the Adriatic sea to the east, followed by a short walk in a beech forest, before descending to a valley to stroll through the Alpine Botanical Garden of the Veneto Agricoltura. A generous lunch of many courses was enjoyed in a mountain chalet, ending about 4 PM. The group just had time to visit the historic town of Bassano, with another break for a Pizza Party

on the return journey to Padua and Legnaro. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the symposium banquet, hosted by Giuseppina Pellizzari and the local organizing committee, was held in Arquà Petrarca, a village in the Euganean Hills. After the sumptuous dinner, Dug Miller recognized Dr. Evelyn Danzig as this year's selection for the Life Time Achievement Award. Dug provided a historical account of her contributions to scale insect studies and then presented Evelyn with a hand-made quilt that had been signed by all the participants of the ISSIS-IX meeting. Giuseppina Pellizzari, in name of the local Organizing Committee, presented Evelyn with a silver paper knife, engraved with IX ISSIS logo. Everyone enjoyed the events and exquisite food and wish to express their thanks to Giuseppina for a fantastic evening. Participants departed with pleasant memories after spending the week in scenic Padua and its environs. They were much impressed by the friendliness and hospitality of the people, the clean streets, the beautiful buildings, as well as the many volunteers and donors among the people.

Reported by the Recording Committee

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