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The Fifteenth International Congress of Entomology was held from 19-27 August 1976 at Washington Hilton Hotel, U. S. A. The Conference was attended by over 2000 delegates from all over the world. There were over 1500 overseas delegates representing most of the countries.

The scientific program included the opening and closing plenary sessions, several Congress Symposia and Sectional meetings which ran simultaneously and covered almost all the aspects of Entomology. A few major symposia were presented each morning during the Congress with no conflicting meetings scheduled. Special symposia arranged by the Sections to invited speakers were held in the afternoons. Informal conferences on certain interesting subjects such as Chemosterilization, Stored-Product Acarology, Stored-Product Insect Population Ecology, Pathogens on Stored-Products Insects, Insect Growth Regulators etc. were also organised. The various aspects covered included Systematics, Genetic Control of Insects, Physiology and Biochemistry, Ecology, Toxicology, Behaviour, Forest Entomology, Stored Product Insects, Agricultural Entomology and Pest Management, Pesticide Development, Management and Regulation, Social Insects and Agriculture, Medical and Veterinary Entomology, Insecticide Resistance, Insect Impacts on the Quality of Forest and

Urban Environments and Tropical Stored-Product Entomology. A large number of papers on Morphology, Systematics, Physiology, Toxicology, Stored Product Entomology, Pesticide Resistance, Pheromones, Allomones and Kairomones, Insect Control including Genetic Control of Insects etc. were presented and discussed.

The informal conference on Chemosterilization was held at Agricultural Environmental Quality Institute, Beltsville which was attended by about 50 delegates from different countries. Each member of the panel of experts presented his views with regard to the status and prospects of chemosterilants which was followed by a panel discussion.

A proposal for a Conference on a global strategy for use and regulation of pesticides was discussed in an informal meeting of delegates organised by the Chairman of Planning Committee U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Permanent International Committee on the Working Conference on Stored-Product Entomology also met under the Chairmanship of Dr. ROBERT DAVIS and decided Kenya as the next venue of the Conference to be held in 1978.

Certain other academic organisations also found it possible to meet during the Congress at Washington D. C.

The opening address of the Congress was delivered by Prof. T. R. E. SOUTHWOOD, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London on *Ecology and Mankind*. He emphasized the role played by ecology in the activities of mankind. The closing address was delivered by Prof. THOMAS R. ODHIAMBO, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Kenya on *Entomology and the Problems of Tropical World*.

The papers in Symposia and Sectional meetings mainly centered round the current problems of the world and their possible solutions based on the most recent thinking and modern tools and techniques in hand.

Sight-seeing and pre- and post- conference tours to other areas of USA were arranged.

The Congress ended after declaring Japan the venue for the XVI International Congress of Entomology to be held in 1980.