

# THE WEED SOCIETY/ OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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A great deal is happening around the world in the organisations of weed workers:

1. The Fifth Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society Conference is to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 5-11th October, 1975; it is also understood that the 6th Conference will be held in Indonesia in 1977 and, hopefully, the 7th will be held in Australia in 1979.

At this time it is anticipated that Dr. Peter Michael may be able to attend the Tokyo Conference.

2. European Weed Research Society. Recently it was decided that the European Weed Research Council would be replaced with a Society which would seek members from all over the world. A number of members have received brochures and if you have not already done so, you might write to :-

EUROPEAN WEED RESEARCH SOCIETY,  
c/- ARC WEED RESEARCH ORGANISATION,  
BEGBROKE HILL, YAMTON,  
OXFORD. OX5 1PF, U.K.

Membership is £3 St. and covers enrolment and membership for 1975. There will also be Honorary and Affiliated Member Organisation classes of membership. Privileges include receipt of Weed Research and other publications of the society at a reduced price.

3. IWSS .. A steering committee including members of Asian, European, Latin and North American weed groups, as well as representatives of government, education and industry, has been formed. A temporary secretariat has been established at Oregon State University with Mr. L.C. Burrill as Acting Secretary. A brochure will be produced to give details of proposals. Further information, and a brochure, is available from :

L.C. BURRILL,  
ACTING SECRETARY,  
INTERNATIONAL WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY,  
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY,  
CORVALLIS. OR. 97331 U.S.A.



4. Australian Weed Body. Nearer home positive steps have been taken towards the formation of an Australian body to represent the interests of Australian weed workers.

A recent meeting was held in Melbourne attended by Allan Mears and Ken Watson of this society, and representatives of the South Australian and Victorian Societies. It was decided to recommend to existing societies that a Council of Weed Societies of Australia be formed as an interim organisation to the ultimate formation of an Australian Weed Society. The organisation and functions of the Council were outlined as being :-

- a) The Council will comprise of two representatives from each state.
- b) Will be funded by states as agreed, to meet expenses of projects.
- c) Council to speak on behalf of societies on national matters, as agreed by states.
- d) States will determine what are needs and Council will co-ordinate.
- e) Encourage the development of weed groups in other states.
- f) Victoria will supply the first Chairman and Secretary (the latter not being a delegate), who will serve for 2 years.
- g) Delegates should represent all interests of the Societies, that is, not all industry or government.
- h) Council to hold first meeting in 1975.

At its last meeting the Executive of your Society endorsed the broad proposal as outlined above.

#### SUMMARY OF 1974

The major event was of course the Symposium which because of high costs and a too small attendance by our own members, lost money. However, all who attended considered it was successful. Membership increased during the year and was as follows at 11.4.75:

Ordinary Members .....	93		
Honorary Members .....	8		
Corporate Members .....	24	TOTAL	125

#### PLEASE NOTE ....

A number of subscriptions are still outstanding !

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ... Page 3.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 15th FEBRUARY, 1975

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Bank Balance as at 2.1.74	78.48	Office Services	259.56
Petty Cash on Hand 14.2.74	7.67	Audit Fee	10.00
		Weeds Prizes	40.00
<u>Sundry Income</u>		Petty Cash Payments	15.00
Corporate Subscriptions	260.00	Transferred Weed Symposium	
Ordinary Subs.	435.00	Account	200.00
Sale of Publications	58.50	P.M.G. Post Box	15.00
Proceeds of Money		Cash in Bank at 5.2.75	308.01
transferred from Bank		Petty Cash held by	
of N.S.W. London	2.00	Treasurer	.71
Bank Interest (5.20			
(1.43)	6.63		
	<u>762.13</u>		
	\$ 848.28		\$ 848.28

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 15th FEBRUARY, 1975

Balance as per Bank Certificate	\$308.01
Loan to Building Society	779.73
Add Accumulated Interest	<u>69.65</u>
	1157.39
Less Unpresented Cheque	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL OF ASSETS	<u>\$1057.39</u>

TREASURERS PETTY CASH STATEMENT

Cash on Hand at 15.2.74	7.67
<u>ADD</u> Recoupments	<u>15.00</u>
	22.67
<u>LESS</u> Payments	<u>21.96</u>
Cash on Hand at 20.12.74	<u>\$ 0.71</u>

*I certify that I have examined the books of the Weed Society of New South Wales and found them to be complete and accurate.*

FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON AERIAL APPLICATION OF HERBICIDES

During the year the Society established a sub-committee to look into the clarification of problems from the legislative point of view of aerial application of herbicides. It was felt that there were a number of difficulties in this field and action to determine and identify these was needed to prevent severe restriction being placed on aerial spraying through a lack of factual evidence. The sub-committee is made up of departmental and industry personnel. Its aim is to set a "Protocol for evaluation and labelling aerially applied herbicides".

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1975

President	Mike Barrett
Vice President	George McMaster
Secretary	Jack Burke
Treasurer	Alec McLennan
Editor Newsletter	Allan Mears.

COMING EVENTS FOR 1975

- 1) The Ecology of Weed Control ...  
Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Mid September, 1975.  
Organiser: Leon Smith. Details later.
- 2) Vegetable Weed Control ...  
Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Mid November, 1975.  
Organiser: John Toth. Details later.
- 3) Annual Dinner  
Time and Venue to be advised.

NEW MEMBER Ross Slack-Smith, Council Weeds Officer, Coonamble, was accepted as a new member at the last Executive Meeting. Welcome Ross - hope you have the opportunity to get to some functions.

A NEW WEED

It doesn't happen very often these days that a new weed comes on the scene. We frequently find plants which have always been regarded as weeds finding new prominence. However, I want to report a new weed. The plant, Solanum karsensis, is a native perennial Solanum sp. and has been reported over a number of years from the Balranald to Menindee area as occurring on low lying or frequently wet areas. It was never regarded as a weed until recently a company decided to farm Lake Tandou in south western N.S.W. This lake is about 20,000 hectares in size and lies about 65 km. south west of Menindee.

The plant regrows strongly from underground roots and after flooding and cultivation of the lake it has grown profusely in summer crops. The main growing period of the weed is October to April-May. Topgrowth dies off in the winter.

The Department is interested in the weed as it closely resembles Silver-leafed Nightshade and because the farming enterprise at Menindee is of interest. Some preliminary herbicide trials have been done and atrazine and 2,4-D show early promise. Further work is planned in 1975/76.

IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM OF INTEREST, LET ME  
HAVE IT FOR THE NEWSLETTER ....