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## Notice of Next Meeting

Following the next executive meeting on 10th September 1985 at the Agricultural Research and Veterinary Centre, Forest Road, Orange two talks commencing at 3.00 p.m. have been arranged.

- Dr. Bohn Dunbar who has been on a working visit to Australia from the USDA, Agricultural Research Station, Akron, Colorado will speak on: Immunological assay techniques for herbicide residue analysis, especially with atrazine.
- Dr. R. Medd will be talking on findings of his Churchill Fellowship study tour: buried weed seeds - their dormancy, patterns of emergence and methods of manipulation.

An informal dinner at Duntryleague Golf Club will follow. Please advise Dick Medd ('Phone: 063 636700) if you will be attending the dinner.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE

### NORTHERN 'WEEDS WALKABOUT'

To be held mid October - being arranged by Warwick Felton and Max McMillan. Details in next newsletter. Please contact Warwick or Max if you have trials in the area.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Society warmly welcomes eight new members and hopes they will contribute to it as well as being stimulated by belonging to it. Addresses are published in the mailing list.

Mrs G.H. Bell	Mr A.R. Heckendorf	Mr G.P. Madafiglio
Dr R.J. Martin	Mr I.R.S. Pearce	Prof. C. Pearson
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Informative articles for the newsletter...new products, new equipment new ideas, personell matters, even controversial views.

## The Teaching of Weed Science at the University of Sydney

- First Year - In the course, CROP BOTANY, all students in Agricultural Science and Agricultural Economics are taught the rudiments of identification of important agricultural plants, including quite an impressive range of weeds. As part of the course students are expected to make a collection of 50 plants, including weeds.
- Second Year - As part of the course, CROP SCIENCE, all students in Agricultural Science and Agricultural Economics, are given a brief introduction to herbicides, their types of activity, uses and toxicology. Special attention is given to the place of herbicides in wheat growing. Those students taking the general plant stream are also given additional practical work, including further work in plant identification and on herbicides, their effects and uses.
- Third Year - In the course, IRRIGATION AGRONOMY, to be included for the first time this year, special attention will be given to weeds of irrigated crops and of waterways and irrigation channels.
- Fourth Year - A new course, WEED SCIENCE, will be given for the first time next year as a discrete component of the fourth year courses in ADVANCED CROP SCIENCE in the Department of Agronomy and Horticultural Science. This course will be available to students from other departments, if it can be fitted in to their timetable.

Students in the Department of Agronomy and Horticultural Science may choose to do a project in Weed Science which counts for roughly one fifth of the total assessment in their fourth and final year.

Most of the projects undertaken by students under my supervision have involved studies on the use of herbicides in various crops or on the biology of particular weed species. This year there are 3 students in the Department doing Weed Science projects - one on barnyard grass, one on weed control in Japanese radish and one on weed control in carrots. Supervision of projects involving horticultural crops is shared with Dr. Bill Greenhalgh, Senior Lecturer in Horticulture.

P.W. MICHAEL

July 1985

Weed Science at the University of Tasmania

Professor John Lovett reported that the 3rd year unit in Population Biology and Management and the 4th year unit in Crop Protection contain core components of weed science in their Agricultural Science Degree programme. The Crop Protection course has parallel streams of applied entomology, plant pathology and weed science.

CONFERENCE DATES

. AVCA, now located at 8th Floor, 60 York Street, Sydney advised that all correspondence to do with their conference 'Serving Agriculture Towards 2000' (see previous newsletter) should be addressed to:

Mr. D.R. McGuffog  
President, AVCA  
G.P.O. Box 3968  
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. February, 1986 (Adelaide)

A workshop on annual grass weeds in winter crops is being organized by Peter Kloot, David Stephenson and John Heap. Attendance will be limited; those interested in attending should contact the convenors at S.A. Department of Agriculture, Horthfield Research Laboratories. and Research Centre, Box 1671 G.P.O., Adelaide. S.A. 5001

Recipients of the Weed Society Prize offered by  
The Weed Society of New South Wales to  
Agricultural Students at University of Sydney

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- 1971 - D.L. Chase, now with N.S.W. Department of Agriculture at Yanco or Leeton.
- 1972 - D.L. Michalk, now with N.S.W. Department of Agriculture at Orange. Received his Ph.D for work on range management in which he tested models of the demography, productivity and persistence of Chloris based pastures in Utah, U.S.A. David was later responsible for the development of pasture systems in Hainan Island, Guangdong Province in Tropical China.
- 1973 - D.E. Crawford, now managing a nursery at Exeter, N.S.W.
- 1974 - M.G. McMillan, now Special Agronomist (Weeds) at Glen Innes, N.S.W.
- 1975 - D.T. Anthony, now Manager Macquarie Operations with Auscott Warren, N.S.W.
- 1976 - G.K. McDonald, now with Victorian Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Centre, Horsham. Received his Ph.D for studies on the agronomy of irrigated wheat in North-western N.S.W. in the Department of Agronomy and Horticultural Science, University of Sydney.
- 1977 - I.K. Nuberg, now tutor in biology at the University of New South Wales.
- 1978 - S. Leys, now farming at Piallaway near Breeza, N.S.W.
- 1979 - I.J. McGowan, now District Agronomist at Yass, N.S.W.
- 1980 - P.R. Schofield, has just completed his work for a Ph.D in genetic engineering, at the Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 1981 and  
1982 - Prize not awarded
- 1983 - G.J. Brereton, now with Water Resources Commission, Deniliquin, N.S.W.
- 1984 - A.D. Geering, now pursuing the final year of his undergraduate studies in plant pathology.

P.W. MICHAEL

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