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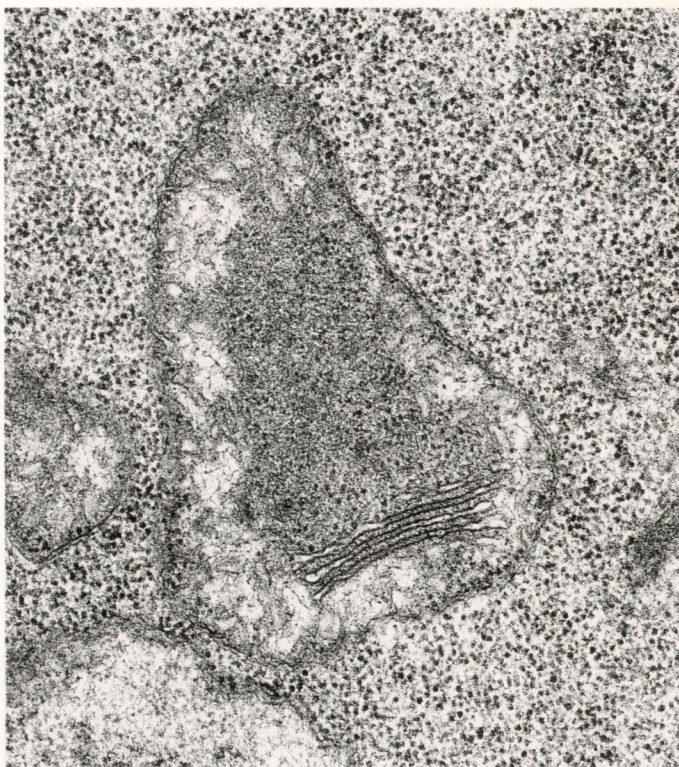


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As the Malaysian Society of Soil Science officially accepted to be the office holder after the Chinese Society, the new officers of ESAFS are decided as follows:

President: Prof. Zhao Quiguo
Vice-president: President of the Malaysian Society
Secretary General: To be nominated by the Chinese Society

ACTIVITIES OF MEMBER SOCIETIES

BANGLADESH SOCIETY

The Soil Science Society of Bangladesh

The Soil Science Society of Bangladesh (SSSB) in collaboration with the International Soil Science Society (ISSS) and the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) is holding an Inter-Congress Conference of Commission IV (Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition) during December 1-3, 1992 at Dhaka, Bangladesh. The theme of the conference is "Improving soil management for intensive cropping in tropics and sub-tropics". The suggested topics are:

- Role of N, P, K, Ca, Mg, S and micro-nutrients in soil fertility
- Soil chemistry and plant nutrition
- Soil testing in fertility and crop management
- Applied research on fertilizer use efficiency based cropping pattern/systems
- Potash research in tropics and sub-tropics
- Maximum yield research
- Organic matter management
- Biological nitrogen fixation and soil microbiology
- Improved management for efficient use of problem soils
- Optimizing plant growth/crop production through integrated management of nutrients
- Water management in relation to fertilizer use efficiency
- Tillage practices in relation to soil crop management
- Effect of fertilizers and agro-chemicals on the environment

The language of the conference will be English.

A large number of scientists from home and abroad engaged in soil management and crop production systems are expected to participate in the conference.

The organizing committee would be grateful if you could support at least two resource persons from your organization/ agency/ institute to make valuable contributions to the conference on the above themes. This will help in updating recent technological development on soil management for intensive cropping in the tropics and sub-tropics.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Please note that the address of the secretary of the Soil Science Society of Bangladesh has been changed. Kindly send all correspondence to present address of the Secretary General.

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CHINESE SOCIETIES

The Soil Science Society of China (Main land)

THE SEVENTH NATIONAL CONGRESS AND THE 1991 ANNUAL ACADEMIC MEETING OF THE SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF CHINA

Oct. 21 - 25, 1991, the Soil Science Society of China solemnly held its Seventh National Congress and the 1991 Annual Academic Meeting in Changsha, Hunan Province with over 700 delegates taking part.

By taking the form of plenary presentation, monographic discussion, special report, poster and exhibition of scientific results, this congress lasted for 4 days addressing the topic "Soils, facing a new challenge of sustaining 1.1 billion people", with two-volume proceedings published and citations of various kind presented.

The seventh Council of the Soil Science Society of China, comprising 87 members, were elected with Prof. Zhao Qiguo as President of the society, Prof. Mao Daru and Prof. Shen Shanmin as Vice Presidents and Prof. Xie Jianchang as Secretary General.

The Chinese Society of Soil and Fertilizer Sciences (TAIWAN)

At the 1991 annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Soil and Fertilizer Sciences, Prof. Y. P. Wang was elected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Dr. M. C. Wang was later appointed as Secretary General. The office of the society for 1992-1994 is given as follows:

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The society is going to sponsor or co-sponsor two symposiums on "Management of Acid Soil" and "Evaluation on Land Use" on June and February of 1992, respectively.

KOREAN SOCIETY

Korean Society of Soil Science and Fertilizer

1991 Autumn meeting was held at International Technical Co-operation Center, Rural Development Administration in Suwon on Oct. 25 1991, with main topic of "Development of New Fertilizers and Quality Controls for 21st Century." Eight papers were presented, and the authorities

concerned Korea Fertilizer Industry Association were attended. The major subjects were development of newly devised Fertilizers by Prof. SUN-UK LiM Seoul Univ., reasonable soil management and Fertilizer application by YOUNG-DAE PARK Agricultural Science Institute, and problems on Fertilizer Quality and their resolutions by KI-HAK HAN, JAE-SUNG SHIN and IE-KEUN CHUNG Agri. Science Institute.

1992 - General conference will be held at Danguk University, Cheona in Chungnam Province coming June. New staffs of the society for next two years will be elected at the conference. The Chinese Society (Taiwan) of Soil and Fertilizer Sciences

JAPANESE SOCIETY

Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (JSSSPN)

Dr. Sadao SHOJI, Professor of Soil Science at Tohoku University, succeeded the Presidency of the Japanese Society from Dr. Kazutake KYUMA on April 3rd. Dr. Shoji has been working on chemistry, mineralogy and genesis of Andosols and made a great contribution to the formulation of the new Andisol order of the U.S. Soil Taxonomy. Recently he has published an English book on controlled release fertilizers, which are promising in reducing the environmental pollution due to fertilizers. Dr. Shoji was the chairman of the Excursion Committee at the 14th ISSS held in Japan.

Dr. Naoko Nishizawa, the past secretary general of ESAFS, was granted the Achievement Award of the JSSSPN along with Dr. Kazutaka Akashi and Dr. Eitaro Miwa at the annual meeting of the society at Niigata last April. She became the first lady recipient of the award for her work on ultramicro structure of plant roots under the nutrient stress.

The *ad hoc* committee for the reform of the society (chairman: Dr. Chino) has worked out its report and made various recommendations to the president. The commission system of the society will undergo a restructuring in the near future along the line of the committee's recommendation, so that the society can adapt itself more flexibly to the development of the related fields of science.

ESAFS Business Matter

As mentioned above, the ESAFS office was officially moved from JSSSPN to the Soil Science Society of China at Nanjing from April, 1992.

JSSSPN and the outgoing officers wish to express their most sincere thanks to all the member societies for their cooperation during the last 2 years and further look forward to having even closer contacts and cooperation from now on.

Workshop on CH₄ and N₂O held at Tsukuba

An international workshop on "CH₄ and N₂O emission from natural and anthropogenic sources and their reduction research plan" was held at TSukuba, March 24-26, 1992, under the auspices of National Institute of Agro-Environmental Sciences (NIAES), MAFF, Dr. R.J. Cicerone of University of California, Dr. W. H. Patrick, Jr. of Louisiana State University, Dr. H.H. Neue of IRRI, and Dr. Wisit Cholitkul of Thai Dept. of Agric. were among the participants. Dr. K. Minami of NIAES was responsible for the workshop organization. The workshop was a step towards clarifying the role of agricultural lands as the source of evolution of the two important greenhouse gases.

THAI SOCIETY

The soil and fertilizer Society of Thailand had the new President Election in March, 1992. On that occasion, the seminar on natural farming was held. At present, natural farming has been misunderstood among the people. The wrong idea was developed and the chemical fertilizer has been considered as the soil deteriorating substance and the cause of environmental problems. The Society would like to present facts and figures to illustrate the circumstance of which natural farming is suited. What are the advantages of chemical fertilizer? How to efficiency use chemical fertilizer for crop production.

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