

specially draw attention to the study of the bionomics of the parasites of sugarcane pyrilla, as the result of which the periodical removal of the leaf-sheaths of affected cane is suggested as a measure of some relief. The work on the mosaic of sugarcane in the Mycological Section is of absorbing interest and will well repay study. This baffling disease is being examined from various angles including serological studies. The reactions and behaviour of the virus under a number of conditions are reported and the interesting observation made that the infectivity appears to be associated with chlorophyll, as filtrates remain active only as long as the green colour persists. We are led to hope that before long much light will be thrown on the different aspects of this difficult problem.

It is gratifying to read that the famous Pusa herd of dairy cattle has not only maintained its high standard but has even excelled past performance, the milk yield average having increased from 19.1 lbs. in the last year to 21.2 lbs. in the year under report. The herd is now being moved into its original home and it will be interesting to watch its reaction to this, its home coming after such a long period.

The chief event of the year is the transfer of the Institute to its new home in Delhi. This marks a new epoch in its history and we note that all the different sections commence work in their new sphere with greatly added facilities for research. On the threshold of this new era we offer to this great and beneficent institution our best wishes for a long career of practical usefulness and scientific distinction.

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FIRST INDIAN FISHERIES FORUM

The Indian Branch of the Asian Fisheries Society has programmed to hold the First Indian Fisheries Forum at Mangalore from 6th to 10th December, 1987 to bring together scientists engaged in research, extension, education, development and industry in the fisheries sector from all over the country. The primary objective of the Forum is to take stock of the existing situation in different fisheries sectors and to formulate recommendations for follow-up action by the various concerned agencies.

Several technical sessions will be held. The topics covered are: Aquaculture; Fishery Biology and Population Dynamics; Fishery Hydrography (Oceanography, Marine Biology and Limnology); Fish Processing Technology, Fishery Engineering, Fishery Economics and Statistics, Fisheries Education and Training, Aquatic Pollution, Fisheries Extension and Information Service.

Original research papers on the above subjects are invited. Each paper shall normally be limited to 8 to 10 typed pages of double spacing on quarto size bond paper in duplicate. References cited must

follow the pattern adopted by the journal 'Aquaculture'.

Authors are requested to send abstracts of their papers in duplicate by 15th July 1987, along with the participation intimation form duly filled in. Each abstract should not exceed 250 words.

Ten awards will be given to young scientists of below 35 years of age as on 1.12.1987, on the basis of the merit of their papers and the method of presentation in the Forum. The intending competitors for these awards are required to intimate their desire to that effect while sending the abstracts of their papers. Only the sole author or the first author presenting the paper will be eligible for the award. Each awardee will receive a citation and a cash award.

Paper presented during the Forum will be published after necessary review by about the middle of 1988.

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