

Annual Meeting Report
International Pesticide Applicators Association

National Attendance at Seattle Applicator Conference

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The annual conference of the International Pesticide Applicators Association was held in Seattle, Wash., Sept. 16-18. The merit of its recent name change from "Pacific Northwest Pesticide Applicators" to "International" was upheld by attendance from New York, Washington D.C., Utah, California, and British Columbia. These applicators are enthusiastic over the possibility of joining the charter members, Washington and Oregon, in establishing a truly representative "International." This affiliation should greatly enhance the sprayman's cause.

The word, "C-A-U-S-E," introduces the theme of this year's meeting: Controlling And Using a Safe Environment. For possibly the first time since "Silent Spring," a group of scientists, with facts, were assembled, at one place at one time, to bring proof of the pesticide fallacies that have been foisted on the public with an approach based on hysteria and its resultant sensationalism. It is the Association's intent that taped speeches will be edited, approved by the speakers, and made available on request.

Examples of excellence through their **factual** research were such speakers as Dr. William Hazeltine, Butte County California Mosquito

Abatement District; Dr. Gordon Edwards, Entomologist—San Jose State University; Dr. Griffith Quinby, Consulting Toxicologist—Wenatchee, Washington—a nationally recognized authority on DDT and PCB's. Collectively, and with indisputable **data**, these experts (1) destroyed bird depopulation findings; (2) debunked residues located in Oceans including the Pacific, Arctic, Antarctic, and such; (3) showed conclusively that substitutes were more dangerous and less effective than chlorinated hydrocarbons; (4) illustrated the need to return to pesticides with proven safety to man rather than use more-toxic-to-man chemicals; and (5) even gave proof of the benefits of DDT in man's health and in the increase of habitat for wildlife.

This meeting was not confined to only those people who would say what the sprayman wanted to hear. Represented were eminent environmentalists, ecologists, and marine biologists. Most were cooperative, some appeared confused. It was notable that those appearing confused were unable to substantiate their findings as having been validated by research updated since the use of mass spectrometry to identify

between DDT and PCB's.

This program was arranged by the Washington Chapter. Oregon will be next year's sponsor. One helpful aspect for next year is that these same fact finding scientists will have updated information, and that hopefully their search for truth will bring more, like them, out of the bullrushes. It is the hope of the Association that, by 1973, these annual meetings can be hosted by new chapters in other states. Formation has started in California and British Columbia.

Charles Seibold, Portland, Ore., was elected association president for the coming year. Don Mock, Seattle, Wash., is the new vice-president. Election of these two leaders insures continued advancement of the organization. Past president Lew Sefton, Lake Oswego, Ore., was elected secretary-treasurer.

Anyone, spray applicator or associate industry, wishing to join this cause, may do so as a chapter or as an individual. For information about joining the International Pesticide Applicators Association, please contact the secretary-treasurer, as follows: L. F. (Lew) Sefton, 5600 S. W. Rosewood, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034. Telephone: (503) 636-6443.