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PREFACE

St Clair Forde
President, CFCS

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Food Crops Society which was held jointly with the 32nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Horticultural Science (Tropical Region) attracted around 230 participants, mainly from North and South America and the Caribbean.

The Keynote Address given by Dr Martín Piñeiro, who at that time was Research Co-ordinator at the Centro de Investigaciones Sociales Sobre El Estado y la Administración in Argentina and is now Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA). His informative paper on "Innovation and Agricultural Development: Some Issues on Research Policy" is recorded in these Proceedings.

The technical sessions began with a panel discussion on "Appropriate Technology for Agricultural Development in the Caribbean Region" Members of the head table were: Dr Tom Henderson (Caribbean Agricultural Extension Project), Dr Collin Weir (Lincoln University, USA), Mr Ronald Baynes (Barclays Bank International, Barbados) and Dr H. K. Wutscher (US Department of Agriculture) and Dr Darshan Padda (College of the Virgin Islands).

Over 60 papers were presented covering such topics as vegetable crops, root crops, fruits, ornamentals, cereals and grains, post-harvest techniques, soil fertility and plant nutrition, farming systems, agricultural development and pest and disease control. These papers form the main part of these Proceedings. Most of the papers are in English with a Spanish Abstract; the few that are in Spanish or French carry an English Abstract. Since these are Joint Proceedings, papers are not uniform in presentation; they follow the two different formats required by the two Societies.

On Wednesday there was an all-day excursion when participants visited the Caroni (1975) Ltd Research Station, the Sugarcane Feed Centre, the Ministry of Agriculture's Experimental Station and two farmers at the Waller Field area in northwest Trinidad. There were also special-interest field trips to see The University of the West Indies Field Station; the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control; and modern under-cover vegetable production technology in the Santa Cruz Valley.

The preparation and organization of a meeting of such dimensions obviously took a good deal of time and effort. I wish to express my sincere thanks especially to the Organizing Committees but also to other groups, firms and organizations who contributed in making this 21st Meeting the success it undoubtedly turned out to be.