

Transforming Entomology into “Insect Science and Technology”: XV International Congress of Entomology, Washington, D.C., 19–27 August 1976

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Organization of the Congress

The 15th International Congress of Entomology was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC, August 19–27, 1976, under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and the Entomological Society of America (ESA). The names and members of the various Local Organizing Committees are shown in Table 7.1. It was logical that the National Academy of Sciences was invited by Congress Chair Sabrosky to cosponsor the congress and present a welcoming address, given that the NAS had published a five-volume report titled *Pest Control: An Assessment of Present and Alternative Technologies* the year before and that three members of the Organizing Committee (Edward Knipling, Robert Metcalf, and Edward Wilson) were also NAS members. Philip Handler, then president of the NAS, however, was to be out of town during the congress and declined the invitation to attend. Among the NAS members on the Organizing Committee, Wilson also was unable to attend the congress. Honorary vice chairs of the congress were Ray Smith, member of the Permanent Committee of ICE and ESA; George Cooper, president, Entomological Society of Canada; and Jorge Gutierrez Samperio, president, Sociedad Mexicana de Entomología.

Other groups that met in association with the congress were the Acarological Society of America (informal meeting); the Coleopterists Society (1976 annual meeting); the Eastern Branch of the ESA (48th annual business meeting); the International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC) (7th General Assembly); the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control (CIBC, staff meeting); and the Meeting of the Permanent Committee of the International Working Conferences in Stored-Product Entomology.

Commercial and noncommercial exhibits were on display August 20–24. The commercial exhibits featured various pesticide chemical companies and displays of microscopes and other equipment of interest to entomologists. There was also a large exhibit of scientific entomological drawings and paintings that were contributed by members and organized by Elsie Froeschner