

Department at the 5th Australasian Plant Pathology Society Conference to be held on 19-25 May, 1985 in Auckland. I am also responding on behalf of the Premier of Victoria.

I agree with your comment that participation at these meetings is of benefit to those attending and also, ultimately, to their country or state. However, because of financial constraints, restrictions have been imposed on overseas visits by Public Servants in Victoria. Guidelines relating to overseas visits make it difficult to justify attendance at conferences, etc.

Despite these restrictions on overseas travel, it is anticipated that a number of Plant Pathologists from the Department of Agriculture will be participating in a private capacity in the Conference in Auckland. This type of attendance will be encouraged in the Department.

Yours sincerely,  
Eric Kent

Minister of Agriculture.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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### **Die epiphyllie Pilzflora von *Acer platanoides* L.**

by M. Kloidt and G. Lysek  
Bibliotheca Mycologica Vol. 86, 144 pp.  
Price: DM 50.00

### **Die Gattung *Pleurotus* (Fr.) Kummer unter besonderer Berücksichtigung des *Pleurotus eryngii* — Formenkomplexes**

By O. Hilber  
Bibliotheca Mycologica Vol. 87, 448 pp., 197 figs.  
Price: DM 200.00

### **Die Entwicklung der Dolipore von *Coprinus radiatus* (Bolt.) Fr.**

by S. Desole  
Bibliotheca Mycologica Vol. 88, 85 pp., 128 figs.  
All published by J. Cramer, D-3300 Braunschweig, In den Springackern 2, West Germany.

For several years, the series *Bibliotheca Mycologica* published by J. Cramer has provided students of the fungi with works covering a wide range of genera and species, their taxonomy and biology. The three titles listed above continue this tradition. All have considerable interest for both mycologists and plant pathologists. The first gives details of studies on variations in the phylloplane flora of *Acer platanoides* during the year at four locations in Berlin. Over 30 fungal species were monitored and some of the factors affecting variations observed are discussed.

The work on *Pleurotus* by Oswald Hilber is a detailed morphological, cultural and strain interfertility study of several species groups in the genus but especially of the *P. eryngii* complex. It is profusely illustrated with line drawings of basidia, basidiospores, and hyphal systems and with black and white and coloured photographs of basidiomata. The results of growth studies on various strains in culture and of variation in basidiospore morphology are summarised in a series of graphs. The results of some investigations on plant infection are

given and comments on several species formerly placed in *Pleurotus* but now considered better placed in other genera are made. This is an important work of interest to both mycologists and plant pathologists.

The third book is a detailed study, illustrated with 128 transmission EM photographs, of the development of the dolipore septum in *Coprinus radiatus*. Development in various organs is considered and there is a detailed review of the literature on dolipores and their associated structures.

## New Periodical

*Mycologia Helvetica*: published by the Association of Swiss Mycological Societies (write for subscriptions to Mrs. J. Delamadeleine, Rue des Combes 12, CH-2034 Peseux, Switzerland).

Subscription: 14 Swiss Fr. per annum.

Volume 1 No.1 of this journal was published in 1983. It contained articles on the genera *Cortinarius*, *Tricholoma*, *Lyophyllum* and *Ramaria* and on a rapid method for determining the amyloid reaction of spore walls in fresh or herbarium specimens. Contributions to the journal may be in English, French, German or Italian. It will be of particular interest to all interested in the higher Basidiomycetes and Ascomycetes.

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## Erratum

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In the paper on "the occurrence of a second race of rust (*Puccinia helianthi*) in sunflower crops in Eastern Australia by Kochman and Goultern, Vol.13 p.3-4; the last line in the table should read 29-3-1-3-2-1 ( $r_2$  gene).

Editor

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