

Calendar of Upcoming Events

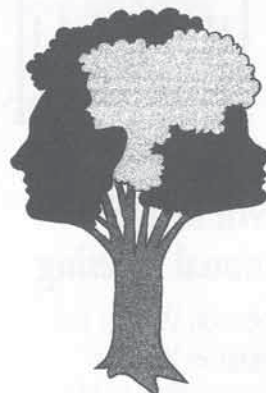
April 24-26, 1992

Symposium on People-Plant Relationships: Setting Research Priorities

Meadowlands Sheraton,
East Rutherford, N.J.

An understanding of the psychological, physiological, and social responses of people to the plants in their environment can play a major role in improving the physical and mental health of individuals and communities. This is the fundamental purpose of the symposium, which is cosponsored by ASHS.

The objectives of the symposium are to: 1) identify research that will lead to improved understanding of the relationships between people and plants; 2) identify research methodologies and mechanisms by which horticulturists can work with social scientists and others to understand and use people-plant relationships more fully; and 3) expand the network of researchers, academicians, funders, and industry specialists interested in people-plant relationships.



The program will include five topics: 1) human culture as influenced by plants; 2) human interaction in communities as affected by plants in the environment; 3) psycho/physiological responses of people to plants in a man-made context; 4) horticulture as a tool for treatment and rehabilitation; and 5) putting research into action.

Contact Symposium Chair Joel Flagler, Rutgers Univ. Cooperative Extension Service, 327 Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652-4896 (phone 201/599-6162), for details.



July 5-10, 1992

International Mango Symposium

Miami Beach, Fla.

The Tropical Research and Education Center, Univ. of Florida, and the Mango Section, International Society for Horticultural Science, are co-organizing this symposium—the fourth such gathering.

Mangoes are the 10th most important (on a volume basis) fruit crop in the world, and development and expansion of commercial plantings is increasing rapidly throughout the tropics and subtropics. Major pro-

ducers include India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Mexico, Brazil, and the Philippines. Other important producers include Australia, South Africa, Israel, Egypt, and the United States. Florida is the leading producer of mangoes in the United States and has ≈ 1172 ha in production. Florida's mango industry produces ≈ 14 tons annually and is worth about \$15 million (annual gross sales).

The symposium will facilitate the exchange of information on mango culture between professionals from around the world. A complete program is planned, including paper presentations, poster session, trade show, and a tour of Florida mango production sites. Among the topics to be discussed are: botany and taxonomy, breeding and genetics, cultural practices, disease and pest control, postharvest physiology, and handling and marketing.

More information is available from Jonathan H. Crane, Tropical Research and Education Center, 18905 S.W. 280th St., Homestead, FL 33031-3314; phone 305/246-6340.

July 30–August 1, 1992
**Conference on
 Participatory
 On-farm Research
 and Education for
 Agricultural
 Sustainability**

Champaign, Ill.

Many of the research and educational programs that address both the short-term

profitability and long-term sustainability needs of the farming community are directed by farmers and carried out on farmers' fields in real-world situations. This conference will explore the validity, methodology, and impact of on-farm research and educational programs with farmers, scientists, and others. The conference aims to improve the awareness and understanding of how a participatory model can be used to develop new knowledge through research and how that knowledge can be shared with a larger community through partnership-based educational programs.

John M. Gerber, Univ. of Illinois, Agricultural Experiment Station, 211 Mumford Hall, 1301 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801 (phone 217/244-4232), will provide additional information.



July 31–August 6, 1992
**89th ASHS
 Annual Meeting**

Sheraton Waikiki and
 Sheraton Princess
 Kaiulani Hotels, Hono-
 lulu, Hawaii.

The Dept. of Horticulture and the Annual Meeting Steering Committee at the Univ. of Hawaii invite all to attend the 89th ASHS Annual Meeting. The program is planned to include three preconference tours of the Neighbor Islands, three Colloquia, 25 Workshops, 50 oral and poster contributed paper sessions, three commodity field trips, several auxiliary programs, and a variety of special events.

The theme of ASHS-92—"Pan-Pacific Horticulture"—takes advantage of its mid-Pacific location. Horticulturists from the Pacific Rim will share a broader view of horticulture.

The concurrent oral and poster sessions, Colloquia, and Workshops will begin on Monday (3 Aug.) and continue until Thursday (6 Aug.). Posters will be displayed from Monday morning through Thursday morning; exhibits will be displayed on Monday (3 Aug.) and Tuesday (4 Aug.) only. Business meetings for Working Groups, ASHS Committees, and affiliated groups will be held throughout the meeting. No evening sessions are planned, other than the Extension Social and Banquet and the ASHS Industry Division Dinner.

For information on registration, housing, air travel, tours, and special events, contact ASHS Headquarters, 113 South West Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314-2824; phone 703/836-4606; fax 703/836-2024.

November 16–20, 1992

**Third National
 Symposium for
 Stand Establish-
 ment in Horticul-
 tural Crops**

Sheraton Harbor Place
 Hotel, Fort Meyers, Fla.

Biotic and abiotic factors contribute to successful stand establishment and hence the optimization of crop production. Such factors begin with the seed and affect the crop through juvenility into early maturity. An ASHS-cosponsored event, the symposium will study these factors and keep attendees current in the "state of the art" of stand establishment. The exchange of information will cover the latest research and technology in this area, specifically: seed enhancement, coating, storage, and handling; transplanting technology; cultural practices to improve stands; and nutritional and environmental effects on crop establishment. Besides the regular program of invited papers, contributed papers, posters, and industry booths, field tours of southwestern Florida production areas and transplant houses are planned.

To participate, contact Charles S. Vavrina, Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, P.O. Drawer 5127, Immokalee, FL 33934; phone 813/657-5221.