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PREFACE

The Second International Oat Conference, of which these are the Proceedings, was held at Aberystwyth, 15-18 July, 1985.

In the business meeting held at the close of the First International Oat Workshop that was held at Pennsylvania State University in 1982, an International Organising Committee under the chairmanship of Dr KJ Frey was elected to organise the next conference, and Aberystwyth was proposed and agreed as the venue. The final date of the Second Conference and the outline of the programme, including selection of the main speakers, was agreed by the International Committee but local arrangements and finalisation of the programme were delegated to a local sub-committee centred at the Welsh Plant Breeding Station. We wish to record our appreciation of the work done by this local committee in assuming various organisational responsibilities.

From the outset there was a firm commitment to make the Conference as international as possible and every effort was made both to provide a programme that would attract participants from all parts of the world and to keep costs to a minimum so as to increase the chances of potential delegates being able to attend. A list of participants is included but it is worthy of note that twenty-three countries were represented.

The Conference was organised into seven half-day sessions. Six of these covered different topics relevant to the improvement of oats and the seventh was a visit to the Welsh Plant Breeding Station where laboratory and field work on the oat crop was demonstrated.

A considerable amount of practical and scientific information concerning oats and the improvement of the oat crop was presented in papers and posters and arose in formal and informal discussions. This exchange has gone a long way to rationalise and disseminate our knowledge of the crop and it is gratifying that there is now a permanent record of the Conference. This was made possible largely by financial assistance, towards the cost of producing the Proceedings, generously donated by the British Oat and Barley Millers' Association. For this we wish to record our gratitude. We would also like to thank Mrs Margaret S. Mack for typing and her endless patience.

The next International Oat Conference will be held at Svalöf in Sweden in July 1988. It is then proposed that, thereafter, this Conference should alternate with the American Oat Workers Conference and be held every four years.

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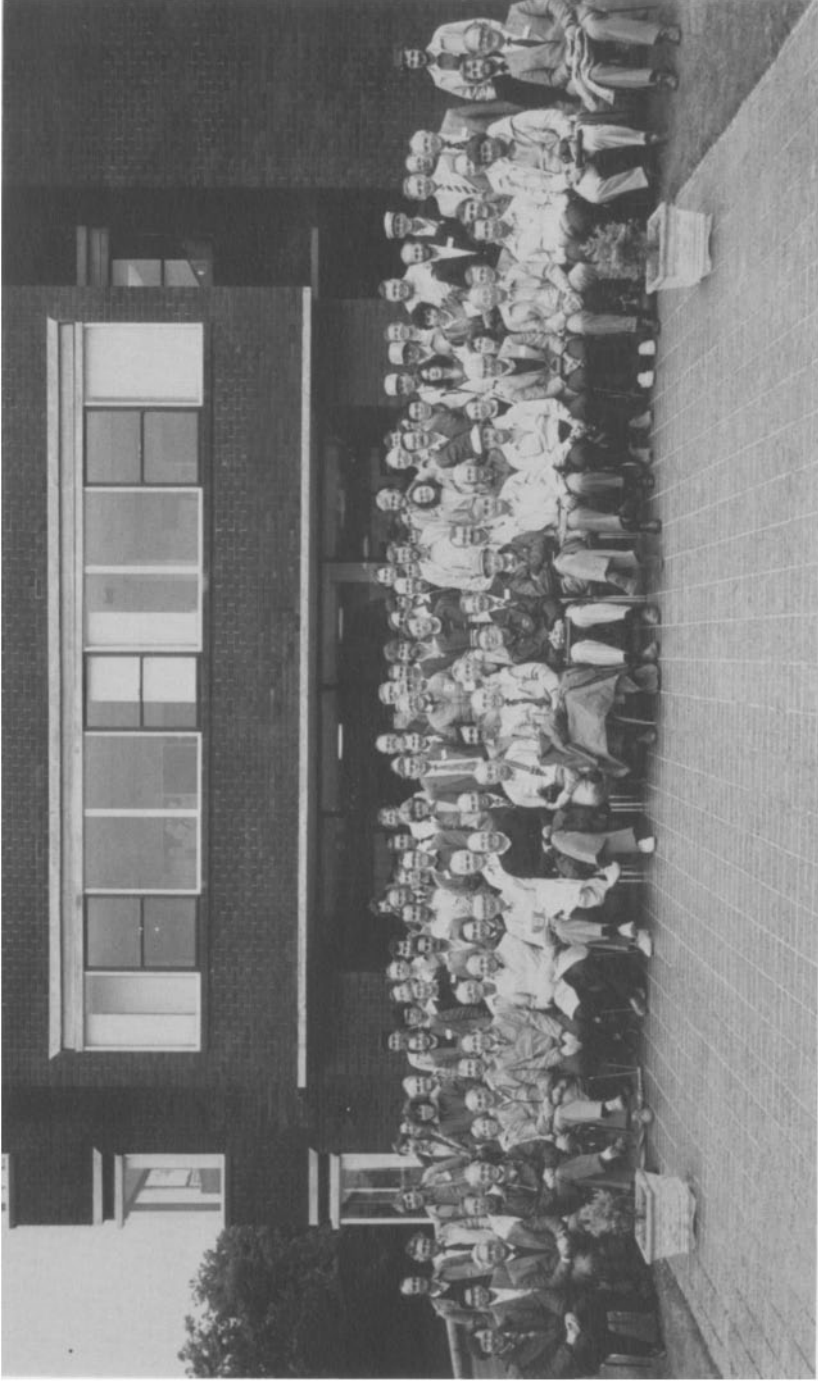
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Pioneer Oat Breeder and Research Worker

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