

FOREWORD

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The Second International Conference on Tropical Entomology was held in Nairobi from 31st July to 4th August 1989. The Conference was attended by 125 scientists, representing 23 countries from the tropics and other geographical regions. The theme of the meeting was "Bio-Control in the Tropics", and two special symposia were held on this topic. Important topics under this theme included Host Plant Resistance, Acridid Physiology and their Application, Post-Harvest Insect Pests and the Biology and Control of Ticks. There were other contributions on taxonomy, behaviour, ecology, and novel insect control methods; and the whole conference proved rather diversified.

Insect Science and its Application took the initiative to publish the *Proceedings* of this Second Conference on Tropical Entomology. The

Proceedings, unfortunately, went to the press very late, which is not entirely due to editorial fault. Although many contributors sent their contributions long before the deadline, others were not able to send theirs within that time-frame. Despite this problem, we received some of the most important and interesting manuscripts which we could publish in these *Proceedings*, and we hope the latter will prove to be a valuable addition to the science of tropical entomology.

We would like to express our thanks to the authors for their contributions, and our apology for the delay in the publication of the *Proceedings*. We would also like to thank the many reviewers who assisted us in reviewing and making comments on the manuscripts. Special thanks are due to Professors R. Kumar, K. N. Saxena and Dr. M. O. Odindo.