1. The 1978 meeting in Stillwater:

All members should by now have received the preliminary program and preregistration information from Stillwater. If you did not, or if you know someone not a member who would be interested in this meeting, send a request to Dr. George Waller, the hard-working host. The meeting will be a joint one with the American Society of Pharmacognosy and will be held August 14-17 at the Oklahoma State University Student Union. The symposium theme is "Topics in the Biochemistry of Natural Products." Mornings will be devoted to minisymposia: stereochemistry of enzyme action, terpenoids, marine natural products, and alkaloids; afternoons to poster sessions. Deadline for receipt of abstracts for the poster sessions is June 1, 1978—those accepted will be published in Lloydia.

2. The 1979 meeting in DeKalb:

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, is the site of the 1979 meeting to be organized by Dr. D. Piatak, Department of Chemistry and Dr. P. Sorenson, Department of Biology. The date is set for August 13-15, 1979. The symposium topic "Applied Phytochemistry" has been selected and Dr. R. Kleimann of U.S.D.A. Northern Lab at Peoria will coordinate it. Social events will feature a pork chop and corn barbecue.

3. The 1980 meeting in Pullman:

This meeting will again be a joint one, this time with the American Society of Plant Physiologists. The date is set for August 4-7, 1980 at Washington State University, Pullman, with Dr. Frank Loewus heading the organization committee.

Site of meetings for 1981 and later will be discussed at the annual business meeting in Stillwater. Suggestions will be welcomed by the President, Dr. Helen Stafford.
4. The following notice is self-explanatory. Dick Mansell has resigned as Treasurer and has persuaded his colleague, Jack Romeo to fill in until the annual meeting in August. A hearty vote of thanks is due for the years of honest service (no, he has not absconded with Society funds, his trip to Europe is paid for with a von Humboldt fellowship).

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

1 January 1978

1977 has been our best year, financially, on record. We also did well with membership and both our financial and member positions are strong. We ended the past year with 278 members, up 9 from 1976 and we lost our normal 22 but gained 31 new. Our student membership is still very low relative to our regular membership. This year we had 9 student members.

In the 1977 Annual Report which is included in this issue you will note that our assets increased by $3,357.72 which is in contrast to our $635.72 loss in 1976. Some of this increase can be attributed to the NSF travel grant of $5,000 which we received for the Ghent meeting. Although we actually spent more than this amount in actual travel support the treasury was spared an excess outlay.

A second item of vital interest to the Society is our revenue from Royalties. As of this year we have finally had all publishing contracts amended to be between the publisher and the Society. Our Royalties for 1977 were $3,523.83 and represent a gain of nearly $1,200 over 1976. Continued success in this area will preclude any future dues increase and will allow us to continue supporting a major meeting each year.

This will be my last Annual Report and you won't be getting anymore dues notices from me. I have been Treasurer since 1973 and since I will be in Europe until September 1978 I figured that this would be a good opportunity to step-down in favor of a younger member. Dr. Jack Romeo has agreed to serve as interim Treasurer until the next Annual Meeting. Jack is a new member in our department and therefore there will be no problem in making a smooth transition of the records.

If any of the membership is interested in being considered for Treasurer effective after the Stillwater meeting please contact Jerry McClure, the nomination chairman. I can assure you it is a lot of work but also a lot of fun. I enjoyed corresponding and getting to meet so many of you and I thank you for all your help in address corrections and updating the Directory.

My best and respectfully,

[Signature]

Richard L. Mansell
Biology Department
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL 33620
# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 January 1977 - 31 December 1977

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Meetings of interest:

Annual Meeting of the Phytochemical Section of the
Botanical Society of America

at

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Blacksburg, Virginia
June 25-30, 1978

Schedule for the Symposium on
"Biochemical Systematics, Ecology and Biological
Activity of Sesquiterpene Lactones."

Co-Chairmen: Nikolaus H. Fischer and Eloy Rodriguez

08:30  E. Rodriguez: Introduction

08:35  N. H. Fischer: "Distribution and Biogenesis of Sesquiterpene
          Lactones."

08:45  E. Rodriguez: "Quantitative Analysis and Structure Determina-
          tion of Sesquiterpene Lactones in Ecological
          Studies."

09:15  Mark Bierner: "Sesquiterpene Lactones and Taxonomy of the
          Heleneiaceae and Related Tribes."

09:45  F. Seaman: "Sesquiterpene Lactone Biochemical Systematics at
          the Infraspecific Level."

10:15  Coffee

10:30  R. Kelsey: "Populational Ecology and Systematics of Sesquiterpene
          Lactones in Artemisia."

11:00  T. J. Mabry: "The Interrelationships of Sesquiterpene Lactones
          with Herbivores."

11:30  K. H. Lee: "Structure-Antitumor Activity Relationships and
          Mechanism of Action of Sesquiterpene Lactones."

12:00  Discussion

12:15  N. H. Fischer: Concluding Remarks
The workshop, which will be limited to 60 participants, will be held at the University of Kent at Canterbury, Great Britain. There will be sessions on plant cyanide production, cyanide production by microorganisms, cyanide utilisation, structure of cyanogenic compounds, cyanide toxicology, ecology of cyanogenesis, etc.

Particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Organising Secretary, Dr. C.J. Knowles, Biological Laboratory, University of Kent, Canterbury, Great Britain. Some funds are available to enable younger scientists (aged under 30) to attend. The deadline for applications is May 31st, 1978.


Propagation of Higher Plants through Tissue Culture: A Bridge Between Research and Application, Symposium, April 16-19, 1978, Univ. of Tennessee. Contact: Propagation of Higher Plants, Dept. of Botany, Univ. of Tennessee Knoxville, TN 37916.


Botany Teaching Symposium, sponsored by the Teaching Section of the Botanical Society, June 1978 Annual Meeting, Blacksburg, VA. Contact: Dr. Charles Curtis, Dept. of Biology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, (301-454-3816).

The 4th International Congress of Pesticide Chemistry will be held under the sponsorship of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) in Zurich, Switzerland, on 24-28 July 1978. Congress language is English. For further information write: M. Spindler, Congress Secretariat, 4th International Congress of Pesticide Chemistry, P.O. Box 182, CH-4013, Basle, Switzerland.


Society for Cryobiology, Annual Meeting, August 6-10, 1978, Tokyo, Japan.

XXth International Horticultural Congress sponsored by the American Society for Horticultural Science, will be held in Sydney, Australia, August 15-23, 1978.

4th International Congress on Plant Cell and Tissue Culture, 20-25 August 1978, Univ. of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada. Contact: International Association for Plant Tissue Culture, Conference office, Univ. of Calgary, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4, Canada.

Recent Advances in the Biochemistry and Physiology of Plant Lipids Meeting, August 28-30, 1978, Goteborg, Sweden. Contact: Dr. Conny Liljenberg, Botanical Institute, Carl Skottsbergs gate 22, S-413 19, Goteborg, Sweden.

8th International Colloquium on Plant Analysis and Fertilizer Problems, August 23 - September 1, 1978, Univ. of Auckland, New Zealand. Contact: Dr. R. L. Blei, Dept. of Scientific and Industrial Research, Plant Diseases Division, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand.

International Arid Lands Conference on Plant Resources, October 8-15, 1978, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. Contact: J. R. Goodin, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409.

1978 - Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists with the Canadian Phytopathological Society, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Edinburgh 10-14 July /78 Inaugural meeting of the Federation of European Societies of Plant Physiology.

Monterrey, Mexico - April 26-28 /78 - V Int. Symp. on Natural Products.
6. Job opportunities for phytochemists: (maybe they're still open)

FACULTY POSITION AVAILABLE for PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

The Department of Biology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point announces the opening of a position in general botany and plant physiology. Experience in algal physiology is highly desirable. Research facilities are available.

POSITION DETAILS

Duties: Teaching of courses in General Botany and Plant Physiology.

Degree: Ph.D. required.

Rank and Salary: Open, depending upon training and experience.


Application Deadline: March 31, 1978. Applications received after the deadline are not certain to receive consideration.

It is the policy of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments. The University of Wisconsin is an Affirmative Action-Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications from members of minority groups, handicapped, and women.

To Apply: Send curricula vitae, two letters of recommendation, transcripts and other supporting materials to:

V. A. Thiesfeld, Chairman
Department of Biology
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Wanted: Plant Physiologist
Ph.D. required
5 years minimum experience in Research with pesticides and herbicides
Position open immediately
Salary: $38,000

For information call collect to:
Dr. R.F. Johnson
1441 E. Fletcher Avenue
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 971-1177

Plant Biochemist

The Department of Biology at the University of South Carolina has an opening in the fall of 1978 for an assistant professor with strong commitments to research in the area of plant biochemistry. The appointee should be interested in teaching biochemistry and plant physiology. Send curriculum vitae, reprints, a summary of research plans, and names of three referees to Dr. Anthony Huang, Biology Department, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.
7. Miscellaneous notices:

- A nominating committee composed of Jerry McClure, past-president, Deborah Delmar, and Stewart Brown, has been appointed by the President to provide a slate of officers for election at the annual business meeting.

- The following new members may not be included in the latest directory, which every member should have received by now:

  Mr. Pablo Jourdan, 14231-1 Les Palms Circle, Lutz, FL 33549
  Miss Sheila McCormick, 210 Curtis Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65201.
  Dr. Jonathon Edward Poulton, 320 K Street #25, Davis, CA 95616.
  Dr. Gary Reynolds, Dept. of Develop. and Cell Biol., Univ. of Calif., Irvine, CA 92717.
  Dr. R.D. Stipanovic, Nat. Cotton Path. Res. Lab., P.O. Drawer JF, College Station, Texas 77840.
  Mr. C.E. Totten, R.R. 2 2319 Somonavk, Dekalb IL 60115.

Owing to problems of getting delivery of Volume 11 of Recent Advances in Phytochemistry, the Treasurer has reluctantly decided to abandon the service of placing orders for these volumes for the members. In future, place your orders directly with the publisher—your member's discount will still be valid.

A sample of our correspondence

Gentlemen:

Kindly forward a list of Publications sold by the Society.

Please include a sample copy of your Periodical. A back issue will suffice.

I am extremely interested in the scientific research being done on growing Marihuana – Cannabis.

Do you have a bibliography on the subject – growing Marihuana?

Yours truly,
PHYTOCHEMICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA
NEWSLETTER APRIL 1977

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Report of the Treasurer

Our January 1977 treasurer's report is included in the January 1977 newsletter and the auditors' report is available on file with the treasurer.

The December 31, 1976, bank statement and bank account reconciliations were submitted, and the December 1976 statement was approved.

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1. The 1977 meeting in Ghent: The printed program and registration form for this meeting—August 29-September 2, 1977—are enclosed with this newsletter. The symposium papers will be published by Plenum Press as Volume 12 of Recent Advances in Phytochemistry. Note that the deadline for submission of papers and abstracts for the poster sessions is June 1, 1977 and for registration, July 31, 1977. As of March 24, no information as to the fate of the travel grant application to NSF had been received, but the individuals concerned will be notified by the President, Jerry McClure, as soon as a decision is made.

2. The 1978 meeting in Stillwater: The organizer, Dr. C. Waller, is on sabbatical leave in Sweden at the moment, but plans for this meeting, to be held next August 14-17 with the American Society of Pharmacognosy, are well advanced. As is the case for the Ghent meeting, contributed papers will be poster sessions.

3. Miscellaneous meetings and notices:


July 6-13, 1977 Fortaleza, Brazil. 29th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for the Advancement on Natural Products Chemistry. Organized by Sociedade Brasileira para o Progresso da Ciência, Caixa Postal 11.008, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

September 4-9, 1977 Reading, England. 4th International Congress on Photosynthesis. Contact Dr. J. Coombs, Tate & Lyle Ltd., PO Box 68, Reading RG6 2EX, Berkshire, England.

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Georgia Institute of Technology
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Report of the annual meeting: The annual meeting of the Society was held on the campus of the Oklahoma State University August 14-17, 1978 jointly with the American Society of Pharmacognosy (ASP). Total attendance was disappointingly small (see p. 5) which may perhaps be blamed on the fact that getting to Stillwater is not the easiest thing to do, and once there, the weather is even warmer than the welcome accorded to the delegates. Those who did not wish to, however, had no need to venture from the air-conditioned Student Union building which provided both accommodation and lecture halls. It was, as Professor Ourisson put it, "an adventure in indoor living". Delegates did venture forth, though, to attend the special events which were imaginatively provided by the local organizing committee. A welcoming reception at the local golf club on Sunday evening, an outdoor barbecue followed by traditional tribal dances by Pawnee Indians, and a half-day (and half the night too!) trip to Cherokee Indian territory, where the highlight was undoubtedly the stirring performance of Tsa-La Gi, gave the delegates at least a glimpse of Oklahoma. Social and scientific events came to a satisfying conclusion with members of both societies hobnobbing at the annual banquet; appetites sated by good food and fine music, and minds stimulated by Professor Ourisson's challenging address. In addition to the traditional change-over of Executives by both Societies, the ASP paid tribute to the retiring editor of Lloydia.

The scientific program ran as scheduled in the preliminary program and update circulated to all members. All symposium addresses were excellent and will appear in Volume 13 of Recent Advances (see order form on p. 6). Abstracts of those posters which were actually presented will appear in Lloydia (now renamed J. of Natural Products). Problems of funding for the Plant Sciences were discussed after lunch by Senator Bellman on Monday, and by Dr. E. Clark on Tuesday. Both Societies held the annual business meeting on Thursday morning in separate rooms, and as usual, both Societies had far too much business than time to discuss it, and so no joint session was ever achieved. The PSNA members were so hungry by the time of adjournment that no one bothered to move a vote of thanks to the hard-working committee who made it all possible. I can speak for all concerned when I say "Thank you for all the hours you spent in making the arrangements for a successful meeting."
PHYTOCHEMICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Minutes of the annual business meeting at Stillwater OK, August 17, 1978.

1. Treasurer's report: Romeo circulated an interim report (attached).
Discussion thereof: Caspi enquired a) couldn't we get a better interest
than the current 5% and b) what are the plans for the Society funds?
Various investments were suggested but Bierner pointed out that the
Treasurer's office is not that of an investment counsellor; McClure
that the constitution hampers the Treasurer's movements; Saunders
that we are a professional scientific society; Hrazdina that Article
IX, Section 7 of the constitution prohibits profit making.
Caspi proposed a motion in the form of a recommendation that the
Treasurer seek better returns on Society funds.
Discussion than turned to uses of the funds: Piatak suggested a lower
membership fee; Waller that we use the funds for a journal. Further
discussion was postponed so that the Treasurer could finish his report.
Romeo pointed out that membership is more or less constant—lost
members are replaced by new, but student representation is low and
should be encouraged.
McClure moved approval of the report, seconded by Piatak, passed
unanimously.

Ottawa?. The offer of an Egyptian joint meeting and tour was discussed
briefly, but cost ($1500) and time (December '81 or '82) weigh against
the idea. Also the site could pose political or religious problems.
Piatak outlined plans for the DeKalb meeting. Symposium topic will be
"Applied Phytochemistry" with probably 9 speakers, yet to be selected,
3 for each of 3 morning sessions. Suggestions from members welcomed,
especially speakers from industry. Wender suggested that crops
discussed not be limited to the Illinois area. Contributed sessions
to be both oral and poster; social events minimal because of the
proximity of Chicago. Steelink mentioned that Chicago would be
celebrating Lake Fest at that time. A brief discussion of poster vs
oral sessions ensued with arguments pro and con both types. The option
will be left to members with late-comers restricted to posters.
Pullman meeting, 1980: Phytochemistry and plant protection.
Cornell meeting, 1981: Creasy and Hrazdina are open to suggestions—
topic proposed: subcellular localization of enzymes of primary and
secondary metabolism.

3. Nomination of officers: The nominating committee (McClure, Delmer,
Brown) put forward the name of Le Creasy for President-elect, all
other officers unchanged except for presidential shuffling. Hrazdina
moved nominations be closed after a call for nominations from the
floor went unheeded, unanimous approval of the slate ensued.
4. Local committee report: Waller counted 141 total registrants, with
a break-even point of 300! But $4200 was raised locally, postage was
subsidized by OSU, and the final tally was not in—many names of
members present were not on the provisional list, for example. 68
posters in all were submitted, but 8 did not appear. All except the
8 absent will be published in Llloydia (now J. Natural Products) as
submitted unless the author makes changes as soon as possible.

5. Fusion with ASP: This topic was discussed at the Executive
Committee meeting, but, despite E. Clark's contention in her luncheon
address that ASP and FSNA are indistinguishable, neither Society is
interested in union with the other.

6. Journal affiliation: The Society has four options—Phytochemistry,
J. Natural Products, a new journal, or no affiliations whatever. The
Executive proposed the following resolution: affiliate with Phyto-
chemistry together with the European Society if reduction of subscrip-
tion fees and editorial representation (2 members on the editorial
board, 1 elected, 1 appointed ) and publication of abstracts can be
negotiated. Discussion: Caspi—why do we need a journal? and if so,
why not J. Natural Products? Stafford replied that discussion with
ASP had not been held when the resolution was formulated, while
preliminary overtures had been made to Phytochemistry through Tony
Swain. Zalkow was of the opinion that P. does not need us—why not
start our own journal? Stafford pointed out that the Society publishes
Recent Advances with resultant advertisement of the Society (not
very prominently displayed was Zalkow's rejoinder). Jack Beal, editor
of J.N.P. gave a brief history of Lloydia, pointed out the broadness
of the journal, its current profitability, short time to publication,
editorial changes in format. Membership in ASP is not necessary , but
there is a voluntary page charge of $25. Caspi—what financial
obligation would FSNA have? Beal—to be negotiated. Bierner—are
papers of taxonomic interest acceptable? Beal—probably not. McClure
pointed out that though ASP and FSNA share similar interests, the
outlook of the "average" member of each society does not coincide,
and we should not ask J.N.P. to alter its slant. What is the
publishing record of FSNA members in the 2 journals? Wender and
Saunders returned to financial aspects, especially "red" ones—deficits
of a journal would be the responsibility of the sponsoring society,
Caspi agreed that a journal should be a last consideration for that
reason. M. Roberts, membership secretary of the European Society,
stated that their society shied away from association with Phytochemistry.
A straw vote of members present indicated lack of interest in
affiliation with Lloydia (J.N.P.). Bierner moved, Caspi seconded,
that a committee be appointed by the Executive Committee to investigate
the various possibilities, then to poll the membership by mail.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at this juncture.

Submitted by C. Nozzolillo
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President's Corner

About 1650 copies of the Preliminary Program for the First Combined Meeting of the ASP/PSNA were mailed to members and nonmembers; and each member received a meeting update and newsletter. Around one hundred and thirty-five members of the two societies and thirty-three nonmembers (of which about 20 nonmembers from OSU) attended the meeting in Stillwater. This amounts to about 20% of the total membership of both societies. I think it is a low percentage and it gives me great concern to realize that our members do not support either the American Society of Pharmacognosy or the Phytochemical Society of North America. We estimated that 300-600 scientists would attend but we were sadly mistaken; there were printed 350 copies of the program, 350 zip-a-loces (with the insignia of the meeting), meal reductions, etc. Some scientists, as well as people from all walks of life, felt that because Oklahoma did not have a seashore, or mountain range, or a large city, or what not, they would not come; others may have been "turned-off" at the prospects of a combined meeting; some did not like the "Poster Session Only" portion of the program, some did not like the subject of the meeting, some thought it was too hot, some had another meeting which presented a direct conflict, etc. We lost at least 4 papers from being presented at the Poster Sessions because they had no members of either Society located in that University—consequently, they were unable to get anyone to sign the abstract. We could go on and on but there is nothing to be gained by "crying over spilled milk". The only thing to do is pledge ourselves not to let it happen again. We have a great Society (PSNA) and a great Executive Committee that works hard for the Organization. Let's give our support to David Piatek and the meeting at DeKalb, Illinois at Northern Illinois University in August of 1979.

At the recent meeting in Stillwater it was pointed out by several members that PSNA is the primary base for plant biochemistry and related fields in North America since the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology has apparently expressed only a marginal interest in the plant sciences. With this in mind I wish to inform you about our opportunities to become affiliated with a Journal or a New Journal. This came about as a result of: a) talking with some members of our Society who had expressed an interest in seeing PSNA either become affiliated with an existing Journal or found its own New Journal, b) throughout my travels in Europe this past year (on Sabbatical) I became increasingly aware of the need for an image of the PSNA and one of the needs was for us to become affiliated with or found an international type of publication for it would attract new members, both in North America and in the rest of the world, and c) I believe that it would be proper for our Society to embark upon something as new and exciting as a New Journal or become affiliated with an existing Journal.

You might be thinking about these four options of PSNA: Phytochemistry, J. of Natural Products (the official Journal of the American Society of Pharmacognosy), founding a new journal or have no affiliations and no journal (status quo)! We will take a vote on the direction we should embark upon in the near future.

That's all for now.

George R. Waller
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1980: Washington State University, Pullman, Washington jointly with the ASPP. The symposium topic will be Phytochemistry and Plant protection. Frank Loewus is in charge of the organization and coordination of this first joint encounter with the physiologists.


2. Other meetings of possible interest to PSNA members (courtesy of ASPP)

145th National Meeting of AAAS, 3-8 January 1979, Chicago, Ill.


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Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists, June 1979, Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick.

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American Society of Plant Physiologists, July 31 - August 4, 1979, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio with the American Society of Horticultural Science.
3. PSNA journal committee: At the annual business meeting in August it was decided that the Executive should appoint a committee to investigate the various possibilities the Society has in selection, or not, of an official mouthpiece. Thus Stewart Brown, Heinz Floss, Frank Loewus, and James Saunders were duly appointed and are preparing the results of their investigations for presentation to the membership in the form of a questionnaire which should be in the next newsletter (in March, probably). Four options are being considered: Phytochemistry, Journal of Natural Products (Lloydia), creation of a new journal, or, no affiliation whatever. Response of the membership will be a critical factor in determining what further steps will be taken.

4. New books and journals of interest to PSNA members:

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