

Reviews and Abstracts

Proceedings of the Balsgard Fruit Symposium. 1966. Published by European Assoc. Plant Breeding Res., EUCARPIA, Pres., Dr. Nils Nybom, Balsgard, Fjalkstad, Sweden. 217 pages. \$5.00.

The symposium reported in these Proceedings took place August 31-September 2, 1964, at the Fruit Breeding Station, Balsgard, Fjalkstad, Sweden. It was arranged by the Fruit Breeding Section of the European Association of Plant Breeding Research, EUCARPIA, and supported also by the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture and the Foundation for Fruit Breeding, Fjalkstad, Sweden.

Fruit breeders attended the symposium from Belgium, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Yugoslavia, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The majority of the papers appearing in the Proceedings are in English, with a few in German, and one in French. These papers deal with the breeding of apple, pear, strawberry, currant, stone fruits, the use of radiation in breeding, viruses and fruit breeding, and other subjects of interest to fruit breeders.

The Balsgard Fruit Breeding Institute, where the Symposium was held, was established in 1941, and is supported by the Swedish government and by a special Foundation for Fruit Breeding. The breeding program of the Institute includes apple, pear, plum, cherry, strawberry, raspberry, currant, blackberry and gooseberry. The Institute is also concerned with improving fruit rootstocks.

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Blueberry Culture. 1967. Edited by Paul Eck and Norman Childers. Rutgers Univ. Press, 30 College Ave., New Brunswick, N.J. 378 pages. \$15.00.

As the first complete book on the blueberry in North America, this is a most important and valuable contribution to horticultural literature. Every aspect of the blueberry is considered in this fine book: development of the industry in the U. S., the botany of the plant, climatic and soil requirements of the plant varieties and their characteristics, breeding, propagation, culture, diseases and insects and their control, harvesting, marketing and processing. There is even a chapter on blueberries in the garden for the amateur.

Each chapter is written by an expert on each subject. These authors represent all the areas in the U. S. where blueberries are grown commercially.

The many tables and illustrations, and the excellent bibliography do much to enhance the value of this excellent text for the horticulturist, grower and student.

Our readers will be especially interested in the chapters on varieties by George Darrow (retired) and Donald H. Scott, of the U.S.D.A., and breeding by James N. Moore, of the Univ. of Arkansas.

Anyone with a special interest in blueberries has reason to be very grateful to the editors and the contributing authors for their very excellent presentation.

—G. M. Kessler