

INFORMATION ON THE VIIIth INTERNATIONAL SUNFLOWER CONFERENCE

In accordance with the plan of the State Committee for Science and Technology under the USSR Council of Ministers, the VIIIth International Sunflower Conference took place in the city of Krasnodar from 27 June to 3 July 1976.

The Conference was held in conformity with the Charter of the International Sunflower Association. It was attended by 420 scientists and specialists from 30 countries of the world, and by FAO representatives.

The Conference was a major forum of scientists and specialists involved in sunflower cultivation and processing.

The Conference was held in an atmosphere of business-like collaboration and opened new vistas for a further expansion and strengthening of contacts between scientists of all countries.

The materials presented at the Conference were heard at plenary and section meetings:

Section I - genetics, breeding, and seed production;

Section II - agronomy, chemicalization, plant protections, irrigation and mechanization;

Section III - biochemistry, physiology, processing technology and economy of production.

Excursions were organized for the participants to the V. S. Pustovoit All-Union Research Institute of Oil Crops, experimental seed-growing farm Berezhanskoye, the Kuban, Lenin and Chapayev collective farms (Krasnodar Territory) and the Krasnodar Oil and Fat Mills.

During the Conference the exhibition Sunflower in the USSR was held, featuring research into sunflower and sunflower production in this country.

After the Conference many participants made trips about the country.

The trips' programme included visits to sunflower research institutions, in particular the N. I. Vavilov Research Institute of Plant Growing in Leningrad, the V. Ya. Yuriev Ukrainian Research Institute of Plant Growing, Breeding and Genetics in Kharkov, and the All-Union Breeding and Genetics Institute in Odessa.

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