

Book Review

Proceedings of the XIth International Grassland Congress, University of Queensland Press: St. Lucia, Queensland 1970. Price \$A30.00

The XIth International Grassland Congress was held at Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia in April 1970. There were about 750 delegates from more than 50 countries who discussed 257 papers in concurrent sessions covering a very wide field of grassland science. In addition there were six plenary sessions with three speakers each who introduced subjects of general interest. The concurrent sessions dealt with natural vegetation, sown pastures, plant introduction, breeding and seed production, plant nutrition and soil fertility, physiology of pasture and forage plants, pasture ecology including plant competition, pests and diseases, conversion of pastures and crops into animal products, and management and use of pastures and forage crops. All this, including authors and subject indexes and a short report on business meetings, is bound in one large volume of 1144 pages. The book is well produced and clearly printed.

The Congress covered grasslands from arid to wet, from lowland to alpine and from cool temperate to tropical regions. These Proceedings form an invaluable source of references to knowledge and research progress of the world's grasslands in relation to their productivity.

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