

Earlier Conferences

Prior to the formation of the Australian Plant Pathology Society in 1969, the Australian Agricultural Council, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, approved the organisation of Plant Diseases Conferences (1949 and 1955), and subsequently, Plant Pathology Conferences (1961, 1966). Discussions at these meetings led to the establishment in 1969 of the Australian Plant Pathology Society, which in 1980 became the Australasian Plant Pathology Society. The choice of Australasian is not new - the Society and the conferences built upon a proud tradition of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, which in 1930, became the Australia and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science. The Society also built upon the Rust Conferences held in 1890 (Melbourne), 1891 (Sydney), 1892 (Adelaide), 1894 (Brisbane) and 1896 (Melbourne), and meetings of State pathologists in 1923 (Sydney) and 1927 (Melbourne) (Purss, 1994).

1949 - 'Plant Diseases Conference' - 23-27 May, 1949, Melbourne

1955 - 'Plant Diseases Conference' - Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond, NSW, June-July 1955

1961 - "Plant Pathology Conference" - Waite Agricultural Research Institute, Adelaide, S.A. 16-20 October, 1961

1966 - 'Australian Plant Pathology Conference - Lennons Hotel, Toowoomba, November, 1966.

The picture shows delegates at the 1955 Conference



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