

Australasian Plant Pathology Society Inc.

1969 to 1994

It is with considerable pleasure that I write this short introduction to this 25th anniversary issue of our journal. In 1969 the first meeting of the then Australian Plant Pathology Society took place on Monday 18 August at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, Adelaide. The meeting was held in a small lecture room and was attended by plant pathologists and students from the Waite Institute augmented by other plant pathologists attending an ANZAAS conference being held in Adelaide. Since that time our Society has grown to become an important part of plant pathology in our region and on the way has changed to include our colleagues in New Zealand and Papua New Guinea by becoming the Australasian Plant Pathology Society.

The Society has now reached a significant milestone and to celebrate this 25 years the Management Committee in conjunction with the Editor-in-Chief decided that a special anniversary issue of *Australasian Plant Pathology* should be produced. This issue looks back over our progress with papers on the history of our Society and short resumés of our Presidents. We also look ahead with a series of short papers on the future directions for plant pathology. Also featured in this issue are papers from past Presidents and Honorary Members of APPS.

I would like to thank all the contributors, with particular thanks to Gordon Purss for the compilation of the history of the Society and the biographies of the Presidents. My thanks also to the Editor-in-Chief, Dr Dodman, for his efforts in bringing this issue to fruition. I am sure that this issue will be a fitting tribute to all those past and present who have worked hard to establish and sustain our Society. I also believe it will be of significant historic value in the future. I hope all members enjoy and appreciate this special anniversary issue of APP.



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