



ASSCT

Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists

Life Member

Brian ROACH



Personal: Born 25/05/1930, married Janet Menzies January 1960, 4 children, 10 grandchildren.

Work History: Joined CSR Limited as Junior Chemist February 1948. Worked in CSR's Central Laboratory and Pymont Refinery with part-time study of Chemical Engineering at Sydney Technical College for 3 years. I was then transferred as Shift Chemist at Harwood, Victoria and Hambledon Mills. I then transferred to CSR's Technical Field Department, serving as Technical Field Officer at Macknade, Broadwater and Rarawai (Fiji) Mills. In 1956 I was sponsored by CSR to obtain B. Agr. Degree at Sydney University and later obtained M. Sc. Agr. Degree from Sydney University by external study. Appointed Plant Breeder at CSR's Macknade Experiment Station in January 1959, holding that position until 1978 when appointed as CSR's Chief Technical Field Officer. Held that position until retirement in September 1988.

ASSCT Involvement: Acted as Secretary and Chairman of the Agricultural Section and as President of the Society for the 1986 Conference in Townsville. Presented 17 papers as author/co-author to QSSCT/ASSCT Conferences, receiving the President's Medal in 1985. Member of the Publications Committee for many years (1982-1990). Received Life Membership of the Society in 1989.

ISSCT and other International Involvement: Attended ISSCT Congresses in 1962 (Mauritius), 1971 (USA), 1980 (Philippines), 1983 (Cuba) acting as Chairman of the Breeding Section, 1986 (Indonesia), 1992 (Thailand). Presented 10 papers as author/co-author to ISSCT Congresses. Appointed as Member of the 5-person ISSCT Standing Committee on Germplasm and Breeding in 1965, serving on that Committee until 1989. Served 3 years (1975-1977) as Editor of the ISSCT Sugarcane Breeders' Newsletter. Attended workshops of the Committee of Germplasm and Breeding under the

auspices of the International Board of Plant Genetic Resources in Florida in 1981 and in India in 1984. Attended and presented the opening paper at the Copersucar International Cane Breeding Workshop in 1987 in Brazil.

Other Publications: Author/co-author of 28 papers to publications other than ASSCT and ISSCT.