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GEORGE SCHAEFERS, ENTOMOLOGIST, RETIRES

Geneva, NY—Dr. George Schaefers, professor of entomology, retired on September 15, 1993 from Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva.

Dr. Schaefers was at the Station for 35 years during which he served as chairman of the department of entomology for eight years from 1983-1991. He began his research career at the Station in 1958 as an assistant professor. He specialized in insect transmission of virus diseases, and he developed a research program on the relationship of aphid feeding and virus transmission in small fruit crops.

He was promoted to associate professor of entomology in 1952 and to full professor in 1973. He continued his research, emphasizing a continuous updating and improving of insect pest and pesticide management in small fruit crops. He also served as advisor to several graduate students who were involved with his research program.

Dr. Schaefers has been very active on the international scene and is considered a leading authority on pesticide management in developing countries. In 1967, he spent six months in Puerto Rico surveying insect pests of papaya and resolving aphid transmission of two papaya mosaic virus diseases. In 1974-1975, he worked for a year at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Nigeria on virus/vector relationships in sweet potato and cassava grasshoppers. In 1991-1992, he served as a Rockefeller Environmental Agriculture Fellow in Kenya where he conducted research on, "Understanding Traditional Crop Protection Practices Among Small Farmers in Sub-Saharan East Africa." He is summarizing this work in a book that he is writing.

Additionally, Dr. Schaefers has made more than 20 trips to different countries in Africa to evaluate the potential for integrated pest management programs, to coordinate a grasshopper/locust project, to participate in pesticide management workshops, and to advise various individuals on pesticide use in different international projects in these African countries. Much of this work was done as a specialist and consultant for the Consortium for International Crop Protection (CICP), the U. S. Agency for International Development (AID), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Dr. Schaefers intends to remain active as a consultant in the international scene during his retirement. He has also been named an Associate Executive Director of CICP which has an office on the campus of the Geneva Experiment Station.

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