

PERSONAL NEWS AND RESEARCH NEWS BRIEFS

ANNA CHRTKOVA, Botanical Institute, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, 252 43 Pruhonice u Praha, Czechoslovakia has started the first part of a Monograph of European Lotus species.

C.W. CROMPTON, Biosystematics Research Institute, Saunders Building, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0C6, is carrying out a study of pollen morphology of the Loteae by light and scanning electron microscopy.

THOMAS S. ELIAS, The New York Botanical Garden, Cary Arboretum, Box AB, Millbrook, New York 21545, will be making several collecting trips for legumes and other species in the U.S.S.R. Anyone wishing specific species should contact Dr. Elias.

W.F. GRANT has been elected President of the International Organization of Plant Biosystematists and KRYSZYNA URBANSKA Vice-President. An international symposium is being planned for July, 1983 to be held in Montreal. Information from W.F. Grant.

PER LASSEN, The Botanical Museum, The University, S-223 61, Lund, Sweden is studying the systematics of the tribes Loteae (incl. Coronilleae) and Trifolieae. He anticipates a synopsis of a new classification of the Loteae rather soon (preliminary manuscript extant, with several new combinations and morphological discussion).

J. H. McADAM, Department of Agriculture, Field Botany Division, Newforge Lane, Belfast B79 5PX, Northern Ireland, is working on a program of research aimed at improving pasture production on hillland in Northern Ireland with a primary aim of introducing a legume suitable for the cold, damp climate and acid waterlogged soils characteristic. He is studying Lotus pedunculatus (cv. Grasslands maku) as a possible alternative to white clover. Dr. McAdam states "that his colleague Dr. A.S. Laidlaw has already demonstrated that under small plot and pot conditions Lotus is superior to Trifolium repens. The next stage of the investigation is to compare the species under grazing conditions. A grazing trial has been set up at approximately 900 feet altitude involving 2 ha of Lotus and clover in 0.12 ha plots. The plots have been established this year and in subsequent years will be subjected to three different grazing patterns."

KEN-ICHI SUGINOBU, National Grassland Research Institute, 768 Nishinasuno, Tochigi, Japan is investigating the use of Lotus japonicus as a useful legume for Japan. Dr. SuginoBU is evaluating L. japonicus for roughland pasture in Japan.