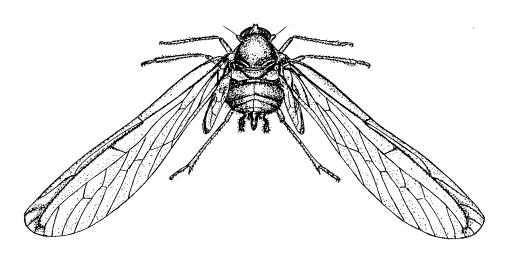
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Introduction

The papers in this volume are all derived from the 2nd International Workshop on Leafhoppers and Planthoppers of Economic Importance, held, Provo, Utah, USA 28th July–1st August 1986. The first meeting in this series, in London in October 1982, was organised by the Commonwealth Institute of Entomology (CIE) (now CAB International Institute of Entomology). It was arranged in response to the increasing importance of leafhoppers, planthoppers and other Auchenorrhyncha as agricultural pests and also to the need for research workers of all persuasions to discuss their mutual interests in the group.

The second workshop was made possible by the generous offer by Dr M. Nielson to host the meeting at the Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. It had been decided from the outset that the papers would be published by CIE, as publishers of the first Proceedings. Papers in the current volume were given at the Workshop either as full presentations or as "poster papers". Some papers have been included from colleagues who unfortunately were unable to attend in person.

Interactions between species and their host plants was the theme in many papers. To encourage open discussion on this and other topics, the establishment of separate titled sessions was avoided. In these Proceedings, however, papers have been grouped for convenience into four sections; 1. Biology and Distribution, 2. Auchenorrhyncha Vectors of Plant Pathogens, 3. Taxonomy, 4. Host Relationships (including Parasites).

Selection of speakers and papers was made from those registering interest in attending the meeting. It will be clear that not all topics are strictly agricultural or economic. This was a deliberate policy since the Organising Committee would be the first to argue that segregation of research into pure and applied is a negative approach and impedes progress and collaborative efforts. It was, however, agreed that publication of new taxonomic work, especially involving formal name changes or description of new species or genera would be more suited to a primary journal rather than a symposium volume. We consider that the papers included here provide a good cross-section of current research on Auchenorrhyncha.

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