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TRAVEL REPORT-INTSORMIL  
PCCMCA, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
March 23-27, 1981

Traveler: Dr. Lloyd W. Rooney, Texas A&M University

Purpose: To represent INTSORMIL at the XXVII Annual Conference of the Program and Cooperativo Centroamericano Para el Mejoramiento de Cultivos Alinenticios (PCCMCA)

Itinerary: March 23, 1981 Travel to Santo Domingo via Miami  
March 24, 25, 26 Participated in the PCCMCA Conference with special emphasis on maize and sorghum division sessions.  
March 27 Returned home via Miami

Accomplishments:

- 1) Represented INTSORMIL at the conference by conferring with Central American Scientists regarding mutual research interests.
- 2) A paper entitled "Criteria for Selecting Sorghums for Tortillas" was presented in Spanish by Dr. V. Guiragossian, ICRISAT/CIMMYT. The coauthors of the paper were Lloyd Rooney, V. Guiragossian and A. Ireugas, INIA, Chapingo, Mexico. This paper discussed practical ways that can be applied in Central American Sorghum Programs to select sorghums with improved quality. It is a tangible result of collaborative research done in Mexico and the USA that has application in Central America.

Observations:

- 1) The PCCMCA reunion provides an effective vehicle for Central American and Mexican scientists to exchange information and develop collaborative research programs. It is essential that INTSORMIL have strong representation at the Annual Reunion. The reunion this year was the first to be held outside of Central America which accounted for decreased attendance.
- 2) Most scientists in Central America are eager to collaborate with INTSORMIL research personnel. Several corn breeders confirmed to me that they believe a continued increase in sorghum production will occur in most Central American Countries. They were extremely interested in use of sorghum for food and feed. The paper on tortilla quality was well-attended and many positive comments were made concerning it's relevance.

- 3) The PCCMCA program was disorganized which made it virtually impossible to participate in different concurrent sessions. For example, in the Maize and Sorghum session, papers scheduled for presentation on Thursday were presented on Tuesday without notification. The authors were told of the change only 10 minutes before the presentation. I am mentioning this to forewarn future PCCMCA INTSORMIL participants that they should expect the unexpected.
- 4) I was disappointed that there were relatively few sorghum workers present for the special Sorghum Meeting. A list of the participants in the Special Sorghum Session is attached. I was told that when the meetings are actually in Central America, larger numbers of scientists are able to attend. A list of participants in the PCCMCA general meeting was not available.

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SPECIAL SORGHUM WORKERS MEETING  
March 26, 1981

The following persons participated in the discussions relative to sorghum research in Central America.

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