man in the absence of John Elder (Nebr.), Fred Westin (S. D.), who was newly elected secretary, Harold Arneman, Richard Rust, Rouse Farnham, Alex Robertson, Woody Anderson (all of Minn.), Nic Holowaychuk (O.), Ike Schneider (Mich.), Al Zachary (Ind.) Lloyd McKenzie, R. T. Odell, J. K. Ableiter (Ill.), George Buntley (S. D.), James Drew, Andy Aandahl (Neb.) Frank Riecken (Ia.), F. D. Hole (Wis). Dr. Simonson discussed correlation problems with the group. Most of the sessions were devoted to work on a new proposed soil productivity rating bulletin for the entire North Central Region (Bul. 76). Dr. W. P. Martin, head of the Soil Science Department, gave a stimulating talk to the group, welcomed the visiting scientists, and stressed the importance of advertising soil science.

SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL SOIL SCIENCE NEWS

The 8th International Congress will be in Roumania with headquarters in Bucharest, August 31 to September 9, 1964. Three field trips are planned
1) Through the Danubian Plain, Dobrudcha Plateau, Danube Delta, Southern Carpathian Mountains (Chernozem, Gray-Brown Podzolic, Hydromorphic, Saline and Alkali soils)
2) Getic Platform, Banat Mountains, Tissa Plain, Southern Carpathian Mountains (Brown Forest, Chernozem, Alkali, etc.)
3) Prahova Valley, Moldavia Plateau Carpathian Mountains (Reddish-Brown Forest, Gray Forest, Brown Forest, Gray-Brown Podzolic soils)

Prof. Grassi, Director of the Lab. for the Evolution of Organic Beings, in Paris, has agreed to write a monograph on the influence of termites on tropical soils. From September 10 to 16, 1962, a conference on soil zoology was held at Delft, Netherlands.

WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin annual state soil survey workshop was held December 4-6 at the Wisconsin Center Building at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Area conservationists, engineers, and soil scientists met together for a half day before separating into their respective sessions. Speakers included J. K. Ableiter (SCS), M. L. Jackson, M. T. Beatty (UW), D. Robinson (State Highway Commission); Alex Robertson, State Soil Scientist in Minnesota, attended the sessions. O. W. Bidwell of Kansas State University spoke on soil survey report publicity. P. Lewis (State Resource and Development Planning Commission), A. J. Klingelhoets, P. Carroll, Orville L. Haszel (on soils of parts of Alaska), Erling F. Nelson (on soil correlation), John Cain (on map measurement) also served as resource speakers.

SOILS OF ICELAND, and TRIBUTE TO DR. IVER J. NYGARD


"Dr. Iver J. Nygard, a soil scientist from the U.S. (formerly Soil Correlator, S.C.S., for Mich., Wis., Minn., Alaska) spent the summer of 1951 in Iceland to help get a soil survey program started. With this broad knowledge of his, his experience as a field research worker, and his sincere and direct approach, Dr. Nygard was an inspiring teacher. It had been tentatively planned that he in cooperation with the present author, should write a bulletin on the soils of Iceland, but such plans fell short with his untimely death. It is with a deep sense of indebtedness that the pioneering contribution of Dr. Nygard is here acknowledged."