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INTRODUCTION

The seventh METRIA Conference was held June 11- 12, 1990 at the Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois. The conference theme and title: Trees for the Nineties: Landscape Tree Selection, Testing, Evaluation, and Introduction. The twelve speakers covered all of the aspects noted in the program title.

A special portion of the program dealt with tree testing projects in the Midwest, including speakers from Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. This emphasis on the Midwest was part of the rationale for having a METRIA conference "so far west".

The meeting was memorable for two unexpected "ephemeral" events. The field walks were greeted by swarms of seventeen -year -cicadas at the peak of their emergence, stirred up by unusually strong breezes. Later in the day, Frank Santamour's talk was interrupted by a power failure. A portable generator enabled the next speaker, Keith Warren, to proceed with his slide presentation until power was restore. Quick action in summoning help by the power company's chief utility arborist (attending the conference) brought restoration of power. The problem: a tree limb broken by the persistent winds, had fallen on a line near the Conference Center.

Sponsorship was shared by the Illinois Arborist Association and the Morton Arboretum's Urban Vegetation Laboratory. Major effort was shared by Tom Perry, Executive Director of METRIA, and Gary Watson, Morton Arboretum, who was in charge of assembling and printing the program and for arrangements for food and facilities. George Ware and Thomas Green assisted.

METRIA officers thank all of the speakers for a timely, interesting, and successful program.

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