

## Chapter 8

# The First Congress Held in Asia: the XVI International Congress of Entomology, Kyoto, 3–9 August 1980

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Although the scientific activities of Japanese and Asian entomologists were internationally appreciated in the 1970s, the International Congress of Entomology had not yet been held in Japan or any other Asian country. After XIV ICE in Canberra, 1972 (Chapter 6), entomologists from other countries advised Japanese entomologists that they should endeavor to hold an ICE in Japan. At the Permanent Committee meeting during XV ICE in Washington, DC, 1976 (Chapter 7), Sinzo Masaki, the president of the Entomological Society of Japan, expressed the wish of Japanese entomologists to host XVI ICE; and the committee approved this request. A preliminary



**Fig. 8.1.** Shoziro Ishii, president of the Organizing Committee for XVI ICE, Kyoto. (Photo: Hideharu Numata)

Organizing Committee for XVI ICE was formed with representatives from 18 academic entomological societies, with Shoziro Ishii as president (Fig. 8.1).

In 1978, the Cabinet of Japan endorsed the Science Council of Japan as an official host of XVI ICE, and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) proper was formed (Table 8.1). The committee decided that the host city would be Kyoto, the capital of Japan's proud history and culture, at the International Conference Hall, and that the meeting would be held on August 3–9, 1980. The hall is surrounded by classically beautiful scenery concealed within nature in Takaragaike Park in the shadow of Mt. Hiei. The host organizations for the congress were the Science Council of Japan, the Entomological Society of Japan, the Japanese Society of Applied Entomology and Zoology, and the Japan Plant Protection Association.