

## SOIL ALGAE OF LAHORE

DR. JAGJIWAN SINGH has published a short note on the above subject in the January 1941 issue of the *Current Science*. The justification for publishing such a note is his supposed new record of three genera not previously recorded from soil. These are *Pandorina*, *Trachelomonas* and *Phacotus*. Sandon, from Rothamsted Microbiology Department, in his book on "Composition and Distribution of Protozoan Fauna of the Soil", has noted *Pandorina morum* and *Trachelomonas volvocina* as regular soil forms. The former is widely distributed and has been recorded by Sandon from various countries including India. *Trachelomonas* has also been recorded from this country. Regarding identification of *Phacotus* from the soil, it seems that

the author has confused it with *Chlamydomonas*, one of the commonest soil forms. The undersigned has seen his drawings, but there was no *Phacotus*.

A comprehensive list of algal flora of the Lahore soils has been published from this laboratory by Hardyal Singh<sup>1</sup> and a list of soil flagellates and ciliates occurring on Indian soils from twenty-four different parts of the country has been published by the undersigned.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *J. Ind. Bot. Soc.*, 1933, 12, 102.

<sup>2</sup> *Annales de Protistologie*, 1929, 2, Fasc. I, Vol. II, pp. 41-60.

## INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH UTILISATION COMMITTEE

THE formation of the utilisation committee by the Government of India, to assess the commercial worthiness of completed pieces of industrial research, constitutes a welcome and praiseworthy step which must assure the public of the intensely practical and business-like manner in which the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research is conducting its work.

Valuable results from research schemes instituted at the instance of the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research or conducted at the Central Government's Laboratories at Alipore, Calcutta, have already been achieved and the possibility of their industrial utilisation proved to the satisfaction of the Board. The time has now come to decide on how best these results can be utilised in practice. The Government of India have come to the conclusion that they should take the advice in this connection of a Committee of non-officials to be called the Industrial Research Utilisation Committee. The Committee, will be presided over by the Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Member of the Governor-General's Executive Council in charge of the Departments of Commerce and Labour. Its members will be: Sir Shri Ram, New Delhi; Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Bombay; Sir Homi Mody, Bombay; Sir Sultan Ahmad, Patna; Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Ahmedabad; Mr. P. F. S. Warren, Calcutta; Dr. Narendra Nath Law, Calcutta; the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. S. Richardson, Calcutta; Sir Frederick James, Madras; Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, Bombay; Sir Jwala Prasad Srivastava, Cawnpore; Khan

Bahadur Sir Saiyed Maratab Ali Shah, Lahore; Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi, Calcutta; Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapathy Mudaliar, Coimbatore; Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar, Calcutta; Mr. F. Stones, Bombay and Dr. Sir Santi Swarup Bhatnagar, Director of Scientific and Industrial Research, Calcutta, co-opted as a member. Mr. T. S. Pillai, General Secretary of the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research, will be the Secretary.

The functions of the Committee will be to advise the Central Government on: (1) the selection of the particular industrial concern or concerns to which the results of research schemes should be made available for utilisation; (2) the terms and conditions, including the question of payment for royalties, etc., on which this can be done; (3) the question of the division of the royalties on patent rights, which will vest in the Central Government on the one hand, and, on the other, the Provincial Governments, institutions, and scientists responsible for the research, and as among the scientists themselves; and (4) generally the best methods whereby the industrial development of the research can be undertaken and an equitable arrangement made for securing that the services of the scientists concerned are adequately rewarded. The Central Government will be the final authority to decide how the results of research schemes placed before the Industrial Research Utilisation Committee will be utilised and by whom, and on all other matters on which the advice of the Committee is sought.