

## SYMPOSIUM REPORT

### TENTH SYMPOSIUM OF THE PHYTOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY OF JAPAN

The Tenth Symposium was held at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Tokyo, on 26 January 1974. The following papers were presented: "Biosynthesis of Veratrum alkaloids: biosynthesis of solanidine in *Veratrum grandiflorum*" by K. Kaneko, M. Watanabe and H. Seto (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University); "Enzymes for the chain-elongation in isoprenoid biosynthesis" by K. Ogura, T. Nishino, T. Koyama, T. Shinka, A. Saito and S. Seto (Chemical Research Institute of Non-Aqueous Solutions, Tohoku University); "Studies on the metabolites of lichen symbionts" by S. Shibata (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Tokyo); "Biochemical aspects of ethylene: action and biosynthesis" by H. Imaseki (Faculty of Agriculture, Nagoya University); "Phytoalexins" by K. Tomiyama (Faculty of Agriculture, Nagoya University); and "Biologically active substances to insects in medicinal plants" by A. Suzuki (Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tokyo). Dr T. Swain, Royal Botanic Gardens, U.K., delivered the special lecture on "Plant/reptile co-evolution". The next meeting will be held in Nagoya in January 1975 organized by Drs. Asahi, Imaseki and Marumo, Nagoya University.

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