

ANNOUNCEMENT

"Taxonomy of Economic Seaweeds with reference to some Pacific and Caribbean species" is a series of Sea Grant-sponsored workshops aimed at reducing the confusion in nomenclature that "remains the single greatest obstacle to progress in Pacific seaweed aquaculture and marine natural products chemistry." Two workshops have been held so far, and a third is planned for autumn 1989.

Each workshop has resulted in a book, in which genera, subgenera, or groups of genera are critically discussed, described, and given a key by taxonomic specialists. The first book, edited by Isabella A. Abbott and James N. Norris (1985) included contributions on *Sargassum* subgenus *Bactrophyucus*, Pacific Gelidiales, *Eucheuma*, *Gracilaria*, and *Polycavernosa* Zhang & Xia, separated from *Gracilaria*. This

book won a U.S. Government award for the best book of a technical nature. The second volume, edited by Abbott (1988) treats *Sargassum* subgenus *Sargassum* and *Laurencia*, in addition to further studies of Gelidiales, *Gracilaria*, *Polycavernosa*, and *Eu-cheuma*. Both books are available from the California Sea Grant College Program, A-032, University of California, La Jolla, CA 92093-0232. Vol. 1 is free of charge, Vol. 2 costs \$10.

The third workshop, to be held at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California, August 8-13, will cover *Sargassum* subgenus *Sargassum*, Central American Gelidiales, *Gelidiella*, and *Gracilaria*. The proceedings are expected to be published.
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