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FOREWORD

Soil tillage is brought into an entirely new situation by farm mechanization and industrial implement manufacturing. This results in a new approach of tillage research in many countries.

On the occasion of the Tenth World Ploughing Contest, which was held in the Netherlands on October 4 and 5, 1963, the State Agricultural University of Wageningen organized an international scientific tillage conference in order to promote international cooperation in this renewed branch of research. Research workers of no less than 17 countries, among which the U.S.A., Japan and Turkey accepted our invitation to come to Wageningen to discuss the "Objectives of Soil Tillage". We highly appreciate this broad participation and we have every confidence in the beneficial influence of the intensive contact between so many research workers during the conference on the development of tillage research.

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