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Preface

R.W. Gibbons

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The ICRISAT West African Sorghum Improvement Program (WASIP), Kano, Nigeria organized jointly with the Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Samaru, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, a national symposium on the "Industrial Utilization of Sorghum" from 4 to 6 December in Kano. In the Semi-Arid Tropics (SAT), where sorghum is used mainly for direct consumption in the form of traditional foods, Nigeria is emerging as a pioneer in the industrial utilization of sorghum. This development is highly encouraging and has far reaching implications on the program objectives of the concerned national and international research institutes and the various government agencies involved in policy decision, development, and promotion of sorghum crop utilization activities. Therefore, it was timely and appropriate for the symposium to have focussed on problems and prospects related to the production of various sorghum products from the farmer to the consumer stage. Twenty-nine research papers were presented at the symposium in the following sessions: Grain Economics and Milling, Composite Flour Products, Malting and Brewing, Nonalcoholic Beverages and Weaning Foods, and Forage and Feeds. Fifty-one delegates representing various disciplines, research institutes, industries, government, private and public agencies participated in the symposium.

This summary proceedings of the symposium includes: addresses given by the dignitaries during the inaugural session, abstracts of 29 papers that contributed to discussions, summaries of discussions that took place after each session, the final recommendations of the symposium and a list of the participants. This volume will, hopefully, be a valuable addition to the literature on sorghum utilization and provide a good reference to the recent developments of industrialization of sorghum products in Nigeria. The recommendations will serve as useful guidelines to those involved in the improvement of sorghum production and utilization in the SAT.