

## Report of the Research Committee

The mission of the Research Committee is to review and monitor research needs of the California Avocado industry, and to identify and recommend to the board of directors innovative research projects that may merit funding; and to obtain information on literature on research on avocados worldwide that would benefit California avocado growers, and to publicize pertinent items.

The Research Committee of the California Avocado Society began publishing abstracts of world avocado literature in the Society's newsletter, *news & notes*, in its first issue in January 1987, and plans to continue this project in order to inform members of significant new developments in avocado research around the world.

In response to a recommendation by the Committee, additional funding from its Marvin B. Rounds Research Fund was provided by the Society this year for Dr. J. Oster, University of California/Riverside, to continue his studies of salinity in relation to avocado rootstocks.

The Committee met at the University of California/Riverside September 16 and discussed plans for developing new approaches to research that would benefit the Society and its members, and also discussed means of obtaining additional research funds. The Committee suggested that the history of the Marvin B. Rounds Research Fund be publicized. This would inform members of the existence of this Fund, which is distinct from the production research funds provided by the California Avocado Commission, and make them aware that voluntary contributions to it could aid in stimulating research projects.

—George A. Zentmyer, *Chairman*