Any readers who wish to participate in the trials should send their names to the address below; they will then receive a sample of the product and a short questionnaire which they should complete and return. The product, called Wasp-eze, contains a cooling agent, a local anaesthetic, and an antihistamine. Write to: Potter & Clarke Ltd, 44a The Green, Warlingham, Surrey CR3 9YS, England.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Nora Baldensperger

Mlle Baldensperger, who died on 11 May after a short illness, soon after her ninetieth birthday, will be well remembered by beekeepers who attended the International Congresses in the 1950s. Nora Baldensperger was at that time the only official interpreter for the three languages used, English, French and German, and she brought a special warmth and friendliness with her to all the meetings. She was able to travel to the Congresses from her home in Nice until late 1960s, always much loved by the circle of friends she met there.

Nora's father, 'Père' P. J. Baldensperger, was one of the great international figures in beekeeping between the Wars; there is an account of his activities by Professor E. F. Phillips in *Bee World* 1926/27, pages 97-98. Nora and her father worked together for many years, in beekeeping and in other things. During the Second World War they were banished by the Vichy authorities from the school where she taught in Antibes, to the Ariège; they returned after the War. To the end of her life, Nora was enthusiastically concerned with developments in beekeeping throughout the world, and especially with the people concerned; in a letter to the Editor shortly before her death, she said "I read with interest what happens in *Bee World*, and I shall be with you in thought when you go to Australia".

Nora Baldensperger was elected an Honorary Member of the Bee Research Association in 1956.

A. Lecocq

Another figure from past decades who has died, in his 98th year, is M. Lecocq, who became active in beekeeping organizations after retiring from his post as headmaster. He was Editor of *La Belgique Apicole* for 23 years, and held other offices in Belgian Beekeepers' Associations. Like Mlle Baldensperger, he was a notable figure at International Congresses.

Rupert Lazenby

Rupert Lazenby, who served on the Council of IBRA since 1964, died suddenly on 7 April. He had spent many years in the fruit-processing industry, and travelled widely. He saw active service as an officer in both World Wars, and was captured at the fall of Singapore in 1942. His knowledge of fruit juices enabled him, at considerable personal risk, to produce a brew from tropical fruits which provided a valuable source of vitamins for his men.

Lazenby was a microscopist and an active member of the Quekett Microscopical Club. He was a pupil of H. A. Dade, the author of *Anatomy and dissection of the honeybee*, and it is largely as a result of his efforts that IBRA will reissue this book later in the year. Lazenby was a keen exponent of Dade's methods, and he demonstrated at many courses and summer schools. Always willing to mount an exhibit at shows and exhibitions, he would provide patient explanations which fascinated his audience. To children visiting Hill House on an Open Day he was 'the kind gentleman at the entrance' who explained the observation hive to them (*Bee World* 1974, p. 157).