
Guest Editorial

Firstly, I have to announce the resignation of Dr Jim McNab as Editor of this Journal. The Association would like to thank Jim for his stewardship over the past two years. Until a new Editor is appointed by the Executive Committee at its meeting in September 2001, David Martin will be the Acting Editor. David has been Assistant Editor for the past year.

The next three issues of the Journal will consist of review papers which were previously presented at the World's Poultry Congress in Montréal last year. Our reasons for publishing these papers are threefold. *First and foremost is the desire to provide the authors with a larger audience.* Although more than 2500 people registered for the Congress and received the Proceedings on CD-Rom, the circulation of the Journal to over 7000 members and subscribers is much larger. The Journal is widely read throughout the world; as we were informed last year following a survey reported by Elsevier, it has a very high recognition factor. Thus we expect these reviews to reach many more scientists and industrial readers than was the case with the Congress Proceedings.

Secondly, we have selected very high quality papers for these Journal numbers. The authors were given the chance to revise their manuscripts to fit the Journal format. We feel that all are excellent reviews in their selected fields.

Finally, these papers are all highly relevant to important areas of poultry science. The broiler breeder is probably the poultry industry's greatest challenge in terms of management, health and viability. Three of the reviews deal with *different aspects of this unique bird*, and a fourth, on fertility, also has relevance to it. The development of enzymes for use in a variety of poultry diets has been a high priority in the past two decades and two of our papers deal in depth with this important topic. Finally, we address the subject of genetic diversity which is an area in which the WPSA plans to have much greater involvement in the future as the FAO moves towards its first inventory of the World's Animal Genetic Resources.

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