

Editorial

The Executive Committee at its meeting in Holland on March 21st 1975, see p. 235 gave considerable thought to the future activities of the Association commensurate with its financial resources. It will be obvious from the Treasurer's statement (Vol. 31. No. 2) that the largest single item of expenditure is the Journal. But, as was pointed out in the Editorial Vol. 31. No. 1. the Journal is the main link which keeps the Association together between Congresses and must be kept viable! The Executive considered two possibilities; to increase subscriptions to meet inflation, or to reduce expenses. The former was partially rejected (see footnote) on the grounds that a rise in subscription at this stage might damage the remarkable increase in world membership, although like all similar societies it will have to be considered in the near future. Thus the main economies must be in respect of the Journal.

As was pointed out in Vol. 31. No. 1 the most costly item is the section on Recent Publications. Since this was suggested in February, there have been no branch objections to the omission of this section and only 3 private objections (from a total of 7,250 subscribers) and it was therefore the unanimous opinion of the Council that this item be omitted, and also that the publishing of the list of Council of the W.P.S.A. be reduced to once per year (In Issue 2 i.e. May each year).

Printing costs have risen approximately 25% annually and recently 36% and postage alone rose from \$950 for Issue 1 (Feb. 1975) to \$1400 for Issue 2 (May 1975).

Issue No. 2 was in weight just over the cheapest printed postage rate, and with the help of the printers we are "making up" issues of different sizes to see which will give us the maximum printed space at the cheapest postal rate. This may mean slightly reducing the size of the Journal from 84 pages as in Issue 2. Vol. 3.

It is hoped that the omission of Recent Publications will achieve this saving. We have no intention of reducing Association or Branch news, on the contrary we welcome the latter but would ask Branch secretaries to be as brief as is logically possible.

Fortunately the omissions of Recent Publications has coincided with the publication by the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau of "Poultry Abstracts". This is a monthly publication and a review of the first two numbers will appear in "Book Reviews" in due course. This is obviously a far more useful publication than the Journal with its limited resources could ever achieve and should meet with all the needs of the branches or members lacking in library facilities, since it not only gives authors addresses but also abstracts by experts. The C.A.B. is of course world famous for its abstracting Journals such as "Nutrition

Abstracts and Reviews”, the “Veterinary Bulletin”, etc, and can fill a service that the W.P.S.J. could never hope to achieve.

The Council decided (see page 235 to increase affiliate’s subscription to \$25 and life subscription to \$100.

Finally we apologise for two errors which occurred on p. 120 lines 6 and 8 from the bottom, where Virgionimycin at 10 and 20 ppm should read 5 and 10 ppm. The statement on the same page that “Virginiomycin does not appear to have gained wide acceptance” is purely the author’s opinion as is the statement that “Nitrovin is used in probably 76% of all broiler feeds”, market evidence would not support these claims.