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# Editorial

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At the end of his review paper on genetic manipulation in chickens, the author, Dr M. Naito from the National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences, Ibaraki, Japan, includes in his acknowledgements the help given to him by the late Dr Bruce Sheldon. Dr Naito, whose work is sponsored by the Japanese government, was an invited speaker at the 7th WPSA Asia Pacific Federation Conference held at Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia last October. The paper was well received and as a result, Bruce Sheldon who as usual was highly active throughout the conference, encouraged Dr Naito to submit it for full review and consideration for publication in this journal. In turn, we were happy to oblige.

This was the last major international WPSA event in which Bruce Sheldon was able to participate. But over the past more than 20 years, since he first became President of the Australian Branch and latterly when he was Senior Vice President on the Executive of the World's Association he gave generously of his time, knowledge and wisdom. That he should take the trouble to encourage a Japanese poultry scientist to seek wider recognition of his work was typical of the man. In this issue we are publishing a full obituary and highly eloquent tribute to the life and work of Bruce Sheldon.

He was also a great source of help, advice and encouragement to the current editor of this Journal and, I am certain, to those of my predecessors who had the privilege to know him. He was a warm-hearted, kind and true friend. Never was it more rightly said, "You couldn't wish to meet a nicer man". The editorial team of the World's Poultry Science Journal would like to add our own tribute to our good friend Dr Bruce Sheldon, we shall all miss him.

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