
Editorial

I am pleased to be able to report that a willing candidate has been found to fill a newly created position of Assistant Editor. This is Dr Peter Lewis who has had a lifelong involvement in the poultry industry. Extensive experience in the commercial sector has been augmented in the last few years by his work as a poultry research scientist at Bristol University. As well as being a frequent author of scientific papers, Dr Lewis serves as a referee for *British Poultry Science* and the *WPSJ*. A long-time enthusiast for the WPSA, Peter is currently Secretary of the UK Branch. In addition to his clear and critical mind, Peter will bring many other valuable qualities to the production of the journal at a time when major changes are taking place in the area of information provision and technology transfer.

Reference to a summary of the main changes that have occurred in the 51-year history of the journal (to be included in the WPSA Membership Directory currently near completion) suggests that this latest innovation is the first attempt to share the work of the editor and to establish a large degree of interchangeability between the duties involved. I believe that it will not be long before the benefits begin to be seen.

When journal production is late, the extra delay that arises from surface mail distribution makes an unsatisfactory situation worse. For this reason WATT Publishing has been sending recent issues by air, in spite of the extra cost. A small survey of the arrival times of the March issue – involving nearly 30 respondents in over 20 countries – was reassuring and showed that this system resulted in members receiving their copies within about two weeks of despatch. The objective is to produce each issue of the journal sufficiently ahead of its cover date to enable cheaper forms of distribution to be used. However, it will always remain a concern that WPSA members should receive their copies of the journal within a reasonable time.

I would like to draw the attention of authors and other correspondents to the fact that the Editorial Office of the *WPSJ* has moved. The new address is: **Little Orchard, Back Lane, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Wells, Somerset BA5 1HZ, UK.** Telephone: +44 (0)1749 870606. Telefax: +44 (0)1749 870816.

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