
Editorial

In the Editorial to volume 44 number 2, I announced that Butterworth Scientific Ltd would be taking on the publication of the journal from volume 45 number 1. This is therefore the first issue from the new publisher. There are various obvious and many less obvious consequences of this change, which has been made in order to provide you with a better and more timely source of information on poultry science and practice. The Executive Committee of the WPSA, Butterworth Scientific Ltd and I hope you will like the changes you see and will find the new format an improvement.

I would like to draw your attention particularly to the establishment of an International Editorial Board; the members of which are listed on the inside front cover. While bringing our journal into line with the majority of similar publications, the formation of such a board is particularly appropriate in the case of the World's Poultry Science Association with its dedication to members in all countries and the desire to publish papers from authors from all over the world. I am confident that International Editorial Board members will be able to help in the vital task of stimulating more papers for the journal – and also provide a further channel of feedback to the Editor on ways in which the journal might better meet your needs.

For almost 16 years Molly French has been Journal Production Manager, working in turn with three editors – Dr Robert Gordon, Mr David Blaxland and myself. In taking this opportunity to wish her a happy and long retirement and to thank her for all that she has done for the Association over this time, it is a great pleasure for me to pay tribute to the dedication and untiring care she has always given to the many aspects of journal production and distribution for which she has been responsible. Since 1979 Molly has also maintained the register of Association members – on its own a challenging task, given a membership approaching 6000 and 40 separate branches. As arrangements change, with Butterworth Scientific Ltd taking over journal production and distribution, and Professor Dr Rose-Marie Wegner, Association Secretary, taking on the maintenance of the register of members, it is characteristic of Molly French to continue beyond her date of retirement so as to ensure a smooth transition.

I am pleased to be able to report that in the last few months there has been some increase in the number of articles being submitted and this, together with the input from the new publishers, has enabled the publication schedule to get back on time from this issue. From this volume, issues will appear in March, July and November. However, volume 44, number 3 has been considerably delayed and I apologise if it appears after Volume 45 number 1.

Suggestions for future articles are always welcomed. It is also now possible for authors to make the initial contact through a member of the International Editorial Board. I look forward to being involved with the continuing growth of the journal.

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