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# Editorial

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In the realms of avian blood cell research 1961 was a memorable year because it saw the publication of a remarkable book – *Atlas of Avian Hematology* by Alfred M. Lucas and Casimir Jamroz (Agriculture Monograph 25 published by the United States Department of Agriculture). While this work – with its many beautiful colour plates – has continued to be the standard reference ever since, the *World's Poultry Science Journal* is very pleased that a paper in this issue by M.H. Maxwell and G.W. Robertson (pages 155–178) is a comprehensive review of subsequent research. The fact that a number of colour illustrations accompany this paper is a landmark for the *WPSJ*.

The WPSA is dedicated to the promotion of a broad range of objectives all of which arise from the three words that appear underneath its logo – **Education**, **Organization** and **Research**. While publishing the journal and ensuring that regular scientific congresses and conferences take place are two of the Association's most visible activities, it is timely to remind members that its resources, and the resources of some of its branches, are also used in other important ways. Under the heading Research News on page 201, details are given of the substantial WPSA Scholarship Awards to be announced at the Congress in Montreal in 2000. There are potentially three separate awards to match the three categories designated in the WPSA logo and each is worth about US\$14 000. In contrast to these Scholarship Awards, for which organizations and individuals have to be nominated, the Foundation for the Stimulation of Poultry Science, details of which appear under Association News on page 207, accepts direct applications for financial support for two main purposes: to help stimulate international congresses, including the promotion of participation in them; and to support initiatives aimed at establishing WPSA branches in countries that do not yet have them.

In the news section of this journal it is the custom to record the passing of leading poultry scientists and others who have made major contributions to the international poultry industry and their involvement in the development and working of the WPSA. In the case of Dr Rupert Coles, who died on March 23 this year and whose obituary appears on page 210, it is unlikely that any other single person has made a greater contribution to the evolution of our organization. A visionary and a perfectionist, Rupert Coles always knew what he was aiming for and was well equipped to achieve his objectives. It was fortunate for the WPSA that for over 40 years Rupert Coles took such an active part in helping to shape our development. The sympathy of the Association is extended to Peggy Coles.

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