

EDITORIAL

The News from Baton Rouge

I am pleased to report the formal designation of *Seed Science Research* as the official journal of the International Seed Science Society. May both organizations prosper!

Seed Science Research continues to grow. The number of submitted manuscripts continues to increase. To better accommodate our authors and to further reduce the 'turnaround' time from submission to decision, the journal has increased the number of Associate Editors. Two of the best writers in our profession, Derek Bewley and Kent Bradford, have accepted our invitation to become decision editors, joining our veterans, Henk Hilhorst and Ken Thompson.

On occasion, the journal rebalances the composition of its Editorial Board to reflect the diverse and changing research interests of our authors. During 2002, the Editorial Board welcomed two new members: Patricia Berjak and Andreas Richter. Both of these scientists have contributed their expertise to *Seed Science Research* as authors and manuscript reviewers. Dr Berjak has also served as guest editor of our special issues from the International Workshop on Desiccation Tolerance. For 2003, I am delighted to welcome Carol Baskin to the Board, as formal recognition of her continuing contributions to the journal.

Several members have rotated off the Board recently. The journal is most grateful for the assistance of Jerry Baskin, Andy Cuming and George Hendry during their many years of service on the Editorial Board.

On behalf of the CABI Publishing staff, editors, the Editorial Board and Mr Cabi (of course), I thank you for your continued support of *Seed Science Research*. To all of our readers, and especially to our contributing authors, may 2003 be a healthy and scientifically productive year.

Marc Alan Cohn, Editor

Cassava: Biology, Production and Utilization

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