
EDITORIAL

AGRI has been able to recommence publication with the active support of UNEP. This issue (no. 9) comes few months after No. 8 and, hopefully, AGRI will now establish a regular publication schedule.

Despite the irregularity of publication, AGRI is well known and requests to join the mailing list continue to arrive. As a result, the mailing list contains over 1600 names. While this is encouraging, it means that AGRI needs a regular flow of good manuscripts and for this, requires the active participation of its readership (the address where to send manuscripts is shown on page iii).

Animal Genetic Resources Information will be pleased to receive contributions up to 3000 words long in English, French or Spanish. Any information related to Animal Genetic Resources would be considered, and, besides the description of breeds, reports, news and notes about meetings, conservation and evaluation activities and techniques is welcome. If accepted, they will be published in the original language. Manuscripts should be typed in double space and accompanied by a summary of not more than 5 percent of the full article's length. A second summary in another of the three languages would be appreciated. If possible, authors are asked to send a copy on floppy disk (preferably WordPerfect 5.1) which gives an opportunity to standardize the formats. Photographs are desirable but only high quality black and white prints can be used.

As regards activities implemented by AGAP in the field of Animal Genetic Resources since the last issue, the Expert Consultation on the Management of Global Animal Genetic Resources has been held in Rome from 7 to 10 April 1992. A note by David Steane summarized information on this event. With support of UNEP, a global breed survey is going on with the objective of providing basic population and performance data from developing countries in the Global Data Bank, now moving to Rome. Data are received regularly, a dialogue is established with the experts participating in this activity at country level, and new experts are being contacted for countries where data are missing.

A document on European breeds based on information available at the Hannover EAAP/FAO Global Data Bank will be published in the near future, in the EAAP Publication series.

Worrying rumours coming from Eastern European countries including the former USSR raise concern on the future of Animal Genetic Resources in this part of the world. An interesting initiative has been taken by the non governmental organisation Pro Specie Rara from Switzerland. Some new threatened breeds may appear in this region and emergency actions may be needed.