
Editorial

At the VIII European Poultry Conference in Barcelona six members of the journal's International Editorial Board and three Associate Editors met as a committee for the first time. The International Editorial Board was instituted when Butterworth Scientific Ltd, now Butterworth-Heinemann Ltd, took over as publishers of the journal. The meeting was an opportunity to review recent developments arising from the change of publishers and to look at ways in which the journal might be improved in the future. From an assessment of the subject areas covered in recent years, it was possible to identify topics where more review papers were needed, e.g. various aspects of food technology, hygiene and the regulations that affect production, transportation, processing, trade and marketing. The role of an International Editorial Board member includes helping to fill such gaps by identifying and encouraging suitable authors.

Reference was made to a listing of papers published in the journal between 1964 and 1988 that had been prepared by Donald Bell of the University of California. The meeting felt that it would be worth publishing a modified version of this list in the journal and this will be done as soon as possible.

Greater coverage of conferences, meetings and exhibitions in the Calendar section and an increase in the number of technical and scientific courses listed under Education and Training were among the developments that it was hoped to introduce. In addition to publishing selected critical book reviews it was agreed to try to include a list of new poultry books, giving title, author, publisher and other details. A mechanism is being established to try to make this feature as comprehensive as possible. In the case of book reviews, it was agreed that these could be published in the language in which the book is written, but that where that language was not English, there should be an English translation of the review.

While the Editor, Associated Editors and members of the International Editorial Board, together with the publishers, could be thought of as a team working to improve the journal, it is important that the readers should help to determine how a publication should develop. For this reason views and ideas about any aspect of the journal are always appreciated and can be sent direct to the Editor or to any of those listed inside the front cover of each issue.

C.M. Hann