
Editorial

This issue completes Vol. 45 and the first year with our new publisher. Obviously the transfer has involved overcoming many problems and resulted in some departures from our normal publication policy – notably the inclusion of exceptionally long papers in Numbers 1 and 2. However Butterworth Scientific Ltd and I hope you like the new format and the fact that issues are now appearing on time. In this connection I would like to pay special tribute to Mary Fox, our Executive Editor, whose dedication has helped to ensure timely publication.

It is in the nature of publishing that there is always scope for improvement. Thus please do not hesitate to let me know if you feel there are ways in which the journal – your journal – might be improved. In particular, suggestions on subjects which you feel ought to receive attention or types of article you would like to see included. Papers in the pipeline for Vol. 46 include a review of non-cage husbandry systems by Prof. Rose-Marie Wegner, recently retired from Directorship of the Poultry Institute in Celle, FRG, an account of poultry disease in China, information on the poultry industry in Spain (ahead of the WPSA European Federation Conference in Barcelona in June next year), the results of investigations into the use of broiler litter as a fuel and a review of the egg shell membrane system in relation to lathrogen toxicity and copper deficiency.

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