

EDITORIAL NOTE

From May 21st, 1977, the editorship of The ASTIN Bulletin has been transferred from Henry Verbeek to Freek Boermans. Afterwards Peter ter Berg was asked to join last mentioned in his job as editor. The Editors realize—after publishing this part—what a tremendous job Henry Verbeek did. They wish him a fruitful and pleasant time in his new job in Indonesia and hope that he will be able to keep in touch with ASTIN and its bulletin.

It is the Editors' intention to standardize the style of The ASTIN Bulletin. In order to achieve this goal, the following remarks are of special importance:

Each paper should contain an introduction. As regards references, these should be reasonable complete; references in the text are given by the author's name in capitals followed by the year of publication between round brackets. At the end of the paper the references should be grouped alphabetically; for journal references give at least author(s), year, title, journal, volume and pages; for book references give at least author(s), year, title, city and publisher.

In mathematical expressions, authors are requested to minimize unusual or expensive typographical requirements. This may be achieved by using the slash in preference to built-up fractions and to write complicated exponentials in the form $\exp(\quad)$. Equation numbers must be at the left. Figures must be drawn in black ink on white paper in a form suitable for photographic reproduction with a lettering of uniform size and sufficiently large to be legible when reduced to final size. Figures should be designated by arabic numbers and must have a title. Eventual legends for all figures must be typed on a single separate sheet rather than placed on the drawings. Tables should be numbered, should have a heading and should be prepared without vertical lines.

Material that has already been published or submitted for publication elsewhere, is not acceptable. So, a confirmation of the sole rights for the ASTIN Bulletin, conditionally on the acceptance of the paper, is required.

It is advisable to minimize the size of the paper, maintaining the scientific quality and the clearness of the contents, in order to maximize the probability of acceptance. The eventual rejection of a paper follows a two-stage procedure. If it is the Editors' opinion that a paper is not suited for publication, they submit it to the Editorial Board, at present consisting of Hans Bühlmann, Jan Jung, LeRoy Simon and Paul Thyryon, which takes the ultimate decision of acceptance or rejection.

The Editors are looking forward to receive your contributions to the ASTIN Bulletin.