

## Editorial

As part of the eighth European Multicolloquium of Parasitology (EMOP) held in Poznan, Poland in September 2000, a symposium on '*Toxocara* and toxocariasis: problems and prospects' was held at the suggestion of Professor Zbigniew S. Pawlowski, President of the EMOP VIII organizing committee. Moderators of the symposium included Dr Hanna Mizgaska, Department of Biology and Environment Protection, Eugeniusz Piasecki University School of Physical Education, Poznan, and Dr Celia Holland, Department of Zoology, Trinity College, Dublin, to whom I extend my grateful thanks for assistance in the preparation of this issue. The aim of the symposium was to highlight matters of importance in *Toxocara* research and to address some concerns in relation to toxocariasis in humans and non-human hosts. Participants were invited to prepare papers for the *Journal of Helminthology* by providing an overview of a topic they wished to address and to include original data as appropriate. Coverage of *Toxocara* and toxocariasis is unlikely to be complete as the topic embraces such wide ranging areas as public health, environmental contamination, veterinary practice, diagnostics, epidemiology and control. Despite this, I trust that the publications included in this issue will stimulate renewed interest in *Toxocara* and provide a significant contribution to our knowledge and understanding of this enigmatic geohelminth.

The remainder of this issue contains four papers on *Toxocara* which were not presented at the EMOP meeting together with other research papers submitted to the *Journal of Helminthology* in the usual way.

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