
Editorial

The organizers of the XIX World's Poultry Congress, under the leadership of its energetic and innovative Secretary General, Dr Piet Simons, have invested an enormous amount of careful planning and effort to ensure that the gathering in Amsterdam on 20–24 September will be highly rewarding – scientifically, technically and socially. As there is still time to register and make travel arrangements, anyone able to attend who is not yet aware of the exciting programme should take urgent steps to obtain a copy of the 'Second Announcement'. For the address, see the reference to the Congress in the Calendar on page 198.

The publication of this issue marks the completion of a term of office by one of the Journal's two longest serving Associate Editors, Dr P. Mérat. In addition to the papers he has written for the Journal and the loyal support he has given to four successive Editors, over the past 20 years Dr Mérat has provided the French language summaries for around 150 papers. We send Dr Mérat our warm thanks and good wishes on his retirement.

Although the *World's Poultry Science Journal* is produced with the support of Associate Editors and an international Editorial Board (whose names are listed on the inside of the front cover), please do not forget that this is your journal and that I, or any one of those listed, will always be pleased to receive suggestions that might lead to improvement. Ideas put forward in the next few weeks will be particularly welcomed as a meeting of Editors and Editorial Board Members is being held during the Congress.

The advent of a new branch is always a welcome event. The formation of a branch in Egypt (see Association News, page 191) brings to the WPSA a rapidly developing modern poultry industry and traditions of poultry keeping that stretch into great antiquity. We wish the new branch well.

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