

EDITORIAL

The year has been a successful one for the journal. The ISI impact factor for Seed Science Research places us well within the top third of the plant science list with a value of 1.18. It is satisfying to see that in the seventh year of our existence we now occupy a higher position than many reputable journals of much longer standing, some of which cover wide fields of plant biology. All this is good for such a specialized journal as ours and is a testimony to the high quality and significance of papers that it contains.

This year the journal published the papers presented at two meetings - that of the W168 group in Fort Collins, Colorado (held in August 1997) and the IPGRI-sponsored 'ultra-dry' symposium in Guangzhou, China (May 1997) the latter appearing as a guest-edited Supplement. It is gratifying to see that the journal is perceived as a publication outlet for meetings in defined areas of seed science.

The end of 1998 brings some editorial changes. I retire as Editor and Marc Cohn, at present an Associate Editor, will take over. Henk Hilhorst moves into the vacated Associate Editorship. I extend my very best wishes for success to the new incumbents and I am confident that the journal will continue to thrive under the management of the editorial group.

My thanks go to all those who have helped the journal over the past year, especially the members of the review board and others who have reviewed papers. This can be a burdensome exercise; nevertheless, the reviewers give their time to the task in a spirit of co-operation and selfless assistance. My gratitude is offered to them, with an apology for not listing all individually.

As ever, my work as editor has been eased by the efficiency and collaboration of the production and managerial staff of CABI who look after Seed Science Research. I very much appreciate their efforts which have ensured the smooth running of the journal.

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