

EDITORIAL COMMENT

This year has been quite a good one for *Seed Science Research*. There has been a steadily increasing submission of papers in all fields of seed biology and I am particularly glad that ecologists have come to see the journal as a publication medium. The journal is also receiving input from specialist meetings, for example the Desiccation Workshop in South Africa. Publication of these papers was sponsored by the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, which is also supporting publication, in 1998, of papers on ultra-dry storage given at Guangzhou, China in May 1997. We are pleased to have this association with IPGRI. Also appearing in 1998 will be papers from the meeting, *Seed Biology and Technology*, held at Fort Collins, USA, in August 1997.

The Journal is again indebted to the Review Board and many others who reviewed papers. Without their ready help the journal, of course, could not function. We extend special thanks to those whose service on the Board ends this year — Eric Roberts, Neville Pinfield and an Associate Editor, Cees Karssen. Their contributions have been very much appreciated. We welcome to the Review Board, starting with volume 8, Françoise Corbineau, Takao Minamikawa and, re-joining us, Richard Ellis.

My thanks also go to all the personnel at CABI involved with *Seed Science Research*. Without their highly efficient participation my job would be much harder!

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