

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The past year has brought some changes for *Seed Science Research*. Firstly, as a result of a perceived need by seed ecologists for a publication outlet the remit of the journal has been expanded to accommodate papers in this area. Editorial supervision is in the hands of Ken Thompson, a new Associate Editor. Response to this innovation was first marked in the September issue by the appearance of a seed ecology section, and we anticipate a growth in the submission of research papers and review articles for the enlargement of this section. Secondly, the journal is now listed by the Institute for Scientific Information in *Current Contents* and its other indexes, which will bring *Seed Science Research* and the papers published therein to a much wider circle of potential readers and interested researchers.

The year has been a busy one for seed scientists. Two international meetings, ISTA in Copenhagen and the Fifth International Seed Workshop in Reading, together attracted a large number of participants, a sign that the world of seed-based research is an active, vigorous and viable one: and *Seed Science Research* will continue as an important publication medium for this community. In doing so, it will rely on the contributions of the Editorial Board and many reviewers, all of whom have given of their precious time to referee papers, and on the support of the production staff of our publishers. I record my thanks to all of these for their work in 1995, and I look forward to a new year of increased success for our journal.

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