

## Editorial

With this issue of the BULLETIN several significant changes and improvements will be instituted. First, a new editorial board has been constituted. The former board did yeoman service in the formative years of the BULLETIN and the efforts of the individual members are greatly appreciated. However, the rapid changes in the field of environmental contamination bring a need for changes in the organization of a publication which attempts to be current in this field.

Due to circumstances connected with the origin of the BULLETIN, a disproportionate number of articles have been concerned with pesticide residues. Although this area of important research will continue to receive emphasis, the new editorial board wishes to make it explicitly clear that they propose to achieve a better balance of articles from the whole field of environmental contamination and toxicology in keeping with the AIMS AND SCOPE of the BULLETIN.

The new Associate Editors will have responsibility for review *and* acceptance of manuscripts in their respective area of specialty as enumerated on the inside front cover of this issue. It is recommended that manuscripts be sent directly to the appropriate editor where possible, although manuscripts in any area within the scope of the BULLETIN may be sent to the Editor-in-Chief as in the past. We expect this procedure to expand the coverage of the BULLETIN to the fields of air, water, soil, and food contamination and toxicology and to speed publication.

The second change concerns the Instructions to Contributors present on the inside back cover of each issue which have been modified in several ways. The most important change is the requirement for *single spaced manuscripts* rather than the double spacing that was required before. Another change is the increase in the typing area of each page. Manuscripts not following these new instructions will be returned to the authors for retyping.

One further change regards a slight modification of an already established publication policy: In the past we have encouraged short articles documenting work which was not necessarily complete. To further encourage this type of material we will guarantee to publish complete manuscripts of up to two pages (including figures, tables and references) in the next issue

after acceptance. Longer papers will be published as rapidly as possible, but without the above guarantee.

To implement this guarantee, the size of each issue has been increased from the former 64 pages to 96 pages.

All these changes are being made as a result of the favorable response accorded the BULLETIN by readers and contributors in the past. Further improvements will be made as needed.

**The Editors**