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EDITOR'S REPORT

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As I begin my period as Editor of the Canadian Journal of Animal Science, I am conscious of how much I've taken the Journal for granted in the past. It's always been there, and is consistently of superior quality. This is certainly a tribute to the many excellent Editors and Editorial Boards who have carefully steered the direction of the Journal in the past. I'd like to begin by thanking them, and in particular my immediate predecessor Al Schaefer, for the excellent job they have done. I just hope I can continue to build on their ideas. On a personal note I would also like to thank Al most sincerely for his willingness to help settle me into my new position. I'd also like to thank Loree Verquin who has run the CJAS Editorial Office at Lacombe through the tenure of the last two Editors (Al and Steve Morgan Jones before him), and guided them into the electronic age.

I've referred above to steering the direction of the Journal; that is not the same as setting the direction. As I've indicated in discussions with the Editorial Board (the Associate and Assistant Editors), it is not our role to set policy for the Journal, that responsibility rests with you, the members of the Canadian Society of Animal Science. But we do have a responsibility to steer the Journal in the identified direction. So we need your help in deciding where the Journal should be going, and then your support as we go there. The Journal is already fully committed to electronic publication, and there may be ways in the near future to work with our two sibling AIC journals (Plant Science and Soil Science), to create "virtual journals" by amalgamating papers from all three journals into saleable packages.

While we are certainly not short of ideas, we will welcome yours, so please feel free to tell me, or any member of the Editorial Board about changes you'd like to see incorporated into the Journal policy. I look forward to working with you, and for you, over the coming three years.

Mark your calendars to attend the Annual CSAS Meeting in Winnipeg, July 15 to 19, and in particular, plan to attend the Writers' Workshop on the Sunday. It is our turn to host it this year, so we're definitely looking forward to your support. These workshops are intended particularly for people publishing in our Journals but will be of benefit to anyone who wants to publish science. Plan to be there and make the hard work of the organizers worthwhile.

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