EDITOR'S PAGE

Ring out the old, ring in the new. An appropriate saying for the New Year and for the appointment of a new Editor for the Journal of the American Biological Safety Association (JABSA). Past President Richard Knudsen has graciously accepted the post of Editor starting with the first issue for 1999. This is a very important and portentous appointment for the continuing welfare of the Association. Not only has his knowledge and competence been recognized by the Association and certified by the membership through his election to President but having served in that office he is now intimately acquainted with all the workings and aspirations of the Association and has had multiple opportunities for interactions with the membership at large. Starting from this base, Dr. Knudsen has formulated many new and innovative plans for JABSA that I find very exciting in prospect. I know I speak for the entire Association membership as well as myself when I say, "We wish you well and lots of success in building the Journal to the eminence it has the potential to achieve."

For myself, I can say it has given me great personal and professional satisfaction to have had the opportunity to participate in the founding and nurturing of a brand new scientific journal, especially as this one is unique—no other like it exists. In addition, in spite of occasional frustrations with overdue deadlines and shortages of publishable papers, it has been a joyful experience through my contacts with the members of the Editorial Committee, the Associate Editor, Linda Martin, and the many authors, some old, dear friends, some new, whose papers have appeared in the several issues of JABSA over the past three years. My special thanks goes to two who have done the hard work of getting the journal produced and into the hands of Association members: Karen D. Savage, JABSA Production Editor, located in the Association’s National Office and Constance Smith, my Administrative Assistant.

I am positively delighted to have Richard Knudsen take over the Editorship of the journal, someone young, vigorous, and knowledgeable about the Association. It was what I planned for from the start and hoped would occur. May success and achievement be his in this new post.

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