

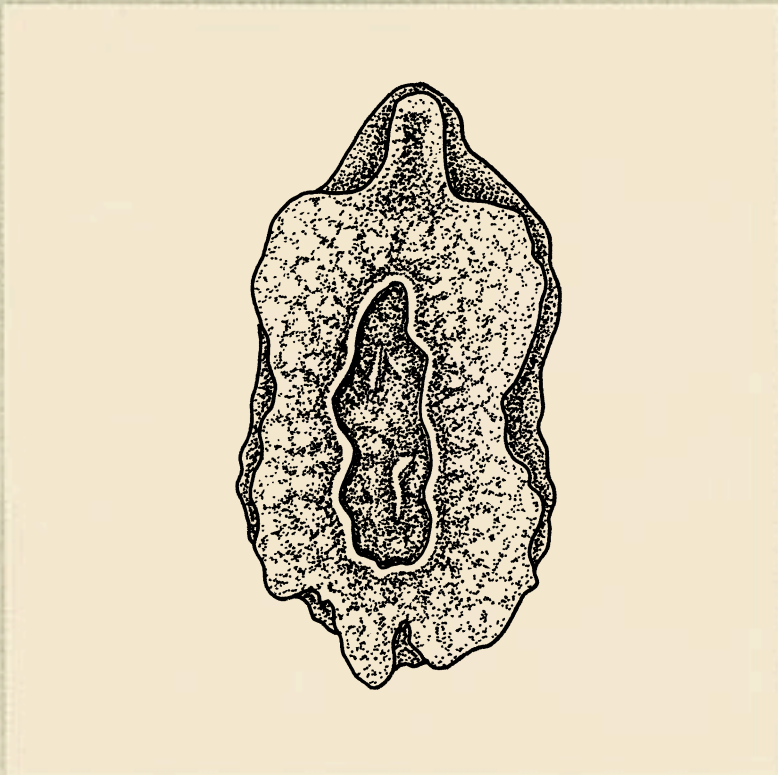
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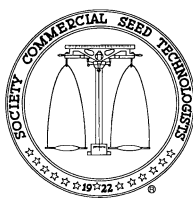
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EDITORIAL

THIS ISSUE OF Seed Technology presents a pleasing array of subject matter. Our invited review in this issue is from Dr. Miller McDonald and covers the critical arena of seed moisture and the equilibrium seed moisture content curve. Dr. McDonald includes an overview of chemical characteristics of water that help define its behavior in biological systems. The research manuscripts in this issue cover a diverse array of topics from field trials to laboratory technology. Findings range from new discoveries to new technology applications. All provide important information for seed scientists and technologists.

Volume 29(1) represents my first issue as editor of the journal. My first few months have been an interesting and a substantial learning process. The journal committee has been hard at work evaluating nearly all aspects of journal procedures and processes. Although we are evaluating a wide array of possible changes including electronic manuscript submission, review, and handling, our mission is constant. We strive to provide our readers with a vibrant journal, with timely and timeless information important to seed scientists and technologists. The only way to advance the science and technology of seeds is through discovery, application, and publication of information. I look forward to working with each of you, our authors and readers.

*Allen Knapp
Editor*

COVER ILLUSTRATION: A seed of *Momordica charantia* L. Bitter cucumber, bitter melon, bitter gourd, balsam-pear, balsam-apple by D. J. Lionakis Meyer.

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