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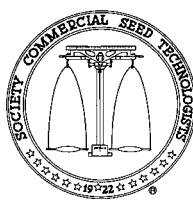
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I AM PLEASED THAT this special issue of Seed Technology is devoted to the publication of the Proceedings of the International Tree Seed Symposium held in Athens, Georgia, USA, from August 10–14, 2003. This symposium is the annual meeting of the Seed Physiology and Technology section of the International Union of Forestry Research Organization (IUFRO). The issue includes 13 full manuscripts and 30 abstracts of papers and posters to be presented at the symposium over a wide range of basic and applied research topics related directly to forest tree seed physiology. I'm certain all readers will have a much greater appreciation for this group of scientists and technologists after reading this issue.

It is with some regret that I advise the readers that this is my last issue as Editor of Seed Technology. After six years, I feel that we have made good progress with the journal, but I am never satisfied with the number of full manuscripts and Seed Tech notes submitted and published annually. I'm pleased that we have maintained continuity by publishing one or two volumes of the journal per year for a total of ten volumes from 1997 through 2003. During this period we have reviewed nearly 120 manuscripts for full papers and 34 manuscripts for Seed Tech Notes including the Tree Seed Symposium published in this issue. The publication of papers from four symposia that were presented at annual AOSA/SCST meetings has also made a major contribution to the journal.

As I leave the position of editor, I must offer a special thank you to all Associate Editors and the many peer reviewers who have made an important contribution to all volumes published. I must also express my personal thanks to the typesetter, Mr. Charles Chandler, who has worked diligently to improve and publish each issue in a timely manner. Likewise, my proofreader, Ms. Amélie Charron, has provided expert assistance to make the final corrections needed for each issue. Finally, I express my appreciation for the financial support provided by both the Association of Official Seed Analysts and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. I strongly suggest that both associations provide similar support for the new editor and continue to publish this journal for scientific and technical papers in all areas of Seed Science and Technology for many years.

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