

MEET OUR NEW EDITORIAL BOARD

Introduction

This year, the 13th since its launch, sees a change in the running of our journal.

Pesticide Outlook, in common with many other journals published by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), is now guided by an Editorial Board and an International Advisory Board. The Editorial Board advises the RSC on scientific matters, editorial standards, journal scope and content. The Editorial Board is supported by an International Advisory Board, which assists in the commissioning of articles, journal development, and the worldwide promotion of our journal.

These two Boards replace the single Editorial Advisory Board that has successfully ensured the high quality of our journal since 1989. We would like to thank all members of the outgoing Editorial Advisory Board for all their efforts over the past 12 years. We would particularly like to express our thanks to the Chairman, Ray Bates, who has given a great deal of time and effort to make the journal what it is today.



Ray Bates – who has contributed so much to *Pesticide Outlook* since its launch.

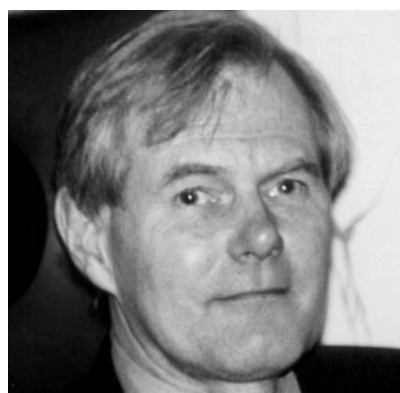
Ray is the only member of the Editorial Advisory Board to have had perfect attendance at its 53 meetings over the 12 years since the launch of the journal. His vision for journal has been crucial to its development over the years. Ray has also written more papers himself than any other Board member, producing several in-depth articles on regulatory affairs, which are so close to his heart. Ray's expertise and experience will continue to benefit our journal through his membership of the new International Advisory Board.

We would also like to thank Denis Papworth who has served on the Board since the journal's inception.

The new Editorial Board

Alan Malcolm – Chairman

Professor Malcolm has been Chief Executive of the Institute of Biology since June 1998.



Alan Malcolm – the new *Pesticide Outlook* Editorial Board Chairman

Alan's background has been in academic biochemistry with particular reference to medical applications, followed by seven years in food research. He has previously held posts as Director of the Institute of Food Research and as Director General of the Flour, Milling and Baking Research Association. During his time as Chair of Biochemistry at Charing Cross and Westminster Hospital Medical School, he also held the Chairmanship of the Biochemical Society and was Chair of the Scientific and Research Committee of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

“Our journal title may contain the word *pesticide*, but my view is that our pages should cover the whole range of methods available these days, using biology and biotechnology, as well as chemicals, to control the pests, weeds and diseases which challenge our food production and public health, with minimal adverse effects”

Alan Malcolm

Alan has recently been a member of a variety of advisory committees, in particular advising the Food and Drink

Federation, the COMA Committee on folate in the diet and the Health Education Authority Labelling Working Party. He was Chairman of the British Nutrition Foundation from 1998–2000. He is currently a member of the Government's Food Advisory Committee and was Vice-Chairman of the Food and Drink Technology Foresight Panel for six years. Last year he was an Expert Adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology. He is a member of the European Commission Standing Group on Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. He is a Visiting Professor at the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine. Alan has published more than two hundred scientific papers and is a frequent contributor on radio, television and other news media.

Len Copping – Associate Editor (News)

Dr Copping was employed in the crop protection industry for over 20 years in discovery research. This research work covered all aspects of crop protection including chemistry, biology, molecular biology and natural products. In 1990, he established himself as a consultant, editor and author providing a service to the industry and, in cooperation with the British Crop Protection Council, produced the *BioPesticide Manual*. He is vice-chairman of the editorial board of *Pest Management Science* and chairman of the SCI Crop Protection and BioActive Sciences Groups.

Ian Crute

Since 1973 Professor Crute has worked for what is now Horticulture Research International (HRI) as a Research Leader, Head of Department and, latterly, Director of HRI Wellesbourne. In 1999 he moved to Rothamsted as Director of the Institute of Arable Crops Research (IACR). His personal scientific interests include fundamental and applied aspects of plant-parasite interactions including the utilisation of genetic resistance and fungicides in integrated disease management. He holds a Visiting Professorship in the Faculty of Biological Sciences at the University of Oxford.

Chris Curtis

Professor Curtis worked on tsetse fly sterilisation (1996–72) and at the WHO Unit on Genetic Control of Mosquitoes, New Delhi (1972–75). Since 1976 he has worked at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, carrying out research on control of malaria and filariasis vectors, especially in Tanzania using pyrethroid treated mosquito nets against adult mosquitoes and polystyrene bead layers against larvae.

Graham Matthews

Professor Matthews is Emeritus Professor of Pest Management at Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine (Department of Biological Sciences). Since working on cotton integrated pest management in Africa he has been in charge of the International Pesticide Application Research Centre at Silwood Park. The centre is an

Evaluation Centre for the World Health Organisation in relation to equipment for Vector Control. He is currently involved with sprayer standards in Africa for the Food and Agriculture Organisation. He is the author of *Pesticide Application Methods* and several other books related to pesticide application and cotton pests.

Nancy Ragsdale

Dr Ragsdale is National Program Leader for Pest Management Chemistry, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Prior to her current affiliation, she served in a number of managerial positions related to pesticide research, use, toxicology and regulation. Dr Ragsdale received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland with research in the area of fungicidal mode of action, achieving international recognition for her pioneering work on inhibition of fungal sterol biosynthesis as a means of disease control. She is active in the Division of Agrochemicals, American Chemical Society (ACS), having served as chair and currently representing the Division on the ACS Council.

Phil Russell

Professor Russell is a plant pathologist with over 24 years experience of fungicide research and development in the crop protection industry. He is a Special Professor in Plant Pathology for the University of Nottingham and until recently was Fungicide Resistance Manager for Aventis Crop Science and Chairman of the Central Steering Committee of the Fungicide Resistance Action Committee. He is currently an independent consultant specialising in disease control, fungicides, fungicide resistance management and risk assessment.

Pat Ryan

Dr Ryan is Technical Manager, Syngenta Crop Protection (UK) Ltd and responsible for the development of products and services for agriculture in the UK & Ireland. He is a biochemist by training which has been overlaid by an agronomy and physiology career. His professional interests include integrating traditional crop input systems with the opportunities offered by recent advances in genetics and genomics and developing crop input processes which reduce environmental impact and increase cropping efficiency.

Future

We hope that in the coming months we will be able to build on the quality of the material included in our journal – including subjects which have not been included to date, and reporting on developments from even more countries around the world

We invite your contribution to our journal. Material may range from a brief news item to a feedback letter, from a conference report to a full article on your research. We would be most pleased to hear from you (email: pesticide@rsc.org).