

**TANZANIA VETERINARY BULLETIN****EDITORIAL**

The Tanzania Veterinary Bulletin is entering yet another phase following the appointment of a new Editor and Assistant Editor. It will be re-called that Prof. R. Tucker was the first and pioneer Editor of the BULLETIN and then later came the late Prof. C.L. Kombo. The most recent Editor was Prof. B.M. Kessy, from whom the present Editor and Assistant Editor have taken over. We would like to thank all the former Editors for their tireless efforts in ensuring the smooth running of the BULLETIN. We promise to continue the good work done and hopefully improve where there is room for such improvement.

You will notice that this is Volume 8 of the BULLETIN which was supposed to come out in 1986 but could not because of a number of technical problems. Those problems have more or less been solved now and hence we should be able to clear the back-load within this year, 1989. The type setting of this volume has been computerized for the first time. I am most grateful to Dr. B.M. Mutayoba and Dr. R. R. Kazwala of Sokoine University of Agriculture for computerizing the process. We therefore call upon all of you to revive your interest in your BULLETIN and submit manuscripts for consideration for publication in the BULLETIN. You are guaranteed that once the manuscript has been received, it will be reviewed and if acceptable, it should come out within about six months from the time of submission. You will notice that the preceding years, 1986 and 1987 have been skipped while the sequence of volume numbers has been retained. That is because most papers were submitted in 1987 and 1988.

I would like to remind you that the following areas are covered by the BULLETIN.

All branches of Animal Health (Veterinary Sciences).

All branches of Animal Production and Animal Sciences (including livestock economics and extension).

Manuscripts may be submitted as:-

- (1) Research papers
- (2) Clinical reports of cases observed in field
- (3) Epidemiological study reports (surveys)
- (4) Review articles on important scientific topics (solicited or otherwise)
- (5) Short communications

Articles falling in the above categories 1 to 5 are scientific papers and will be subjected to stringent national and/or international reviewing.

Manuscripts may also be submitted as:-

- (6) Livestock/Animal Extension notes and Feature articles of general interest to the Livestock owners, and the Scientific Community/or general public.
- (7) News on scientific and social affairs affecting or of interest to Veterinarians and Animal Scientists or Livestock owners.
- (8) Letters to the Editor (Views on Animal Health and Animal Production, on policies and on implementation or short reports of field cases or other observations which do not warrant a full paper).

We strongly believe that those areas cover every one's interest in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science and the Livestock Industry at large and hence we expect a flood of manuscripts to start pouring onto the Editor's work bench once this editorial reaches the readers. We therefore urge you to dust up your files and dig out old and new data and prepare manuscripts for submission to the BULLETIN. What you think is insignificant and uninteresting data might actually be a scientific milestone, let the Scientific Editorial Board determine that for you.

Please note the organization of the BULLETIN. The inside of the front cover are the members of the Editorial Committee who ensure the smooth running of the BULLETIN and the members of Scientific Editorial Board who review the submitted articles. The inside of the back cover has information to the Author. It has been made more detailed in order to standardize the article write-ups. This information of course does not apply to: Letters to the Editor, News, Extension notes or Feature articles.

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The cost of production of the BULLETIN has gone up. We will try our level best to keep the prices within affordable limits by looking for the cheapest type-setter and printer while still maintaining the quality of our BULLETIN. I would suggest that wherever possible, Institutes, Companies, Parastatals and Government Departments should help their staff in this aspect. It is obvious that keeping in touch with the latest in science enhances the efficiency of any worker and hence the employer stands to gain.

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Readers must continue to support the BULLETIN by buying the Volumes, so that when the time comes, we would be able to stand on our own.

This Volume has interesting scientific papers and one feature article. I hope Volume 9 will have more variation to cater for varied interests of our diverse readership. That of course depends very much on your contributions.

We look forward to receiving from you, scientific articles, extension notes, letters, news and views and feature articles.

**EDITOR**