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It is with regret and profound appreciation that we say goodbye to Dr. Dennis Rowe, Mississippi State University (USA), who has decided to step down as Technical Editor (Plant Breeding and Statistics) as of 31. December 2009. Dr. Rowe served with distinction in this role for two years and we owe him a debt of gratitude. We are looking for volunteers to fill this position. During the transition period I will fulfill that function in addition to serving as Editor-in-Chief.

Members of the editorial board of CBCS often serve as primary reviewers for submitted manuscripts and thus ensure the quality of the journal. Nine members of the editorial committee will no longer be with us in 2010. I wish to thank them for the service they have provided to the journal and wish them well in their future endeavors.

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I recently met with the leadership of the Faculty of Agriculture and Biology (Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland) to discuss the future of the journal. They were optimistic about the future and concur with my wishes to make CBCS the best scientific publication possible. This will require a concerted effort among authors, reviewers, and editors. One of the biggest immediate changes will be that we will no longer consider manuscripts that do not have environmental replication in one way or another. Environmental replication is critical for broad-based inferences and thus an absolute requirement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about this policy.