## POSTFACE: EDITOR'S NOTE

This combined issue marks the end of Volume 17 of 1997. The first two issues of Volume 18 (1998) are currently in press. The turnaround time for manuscripts has dropped appreciably to about nine months. Because of the 1-year hiatus in publication of the journal in 1996, some manuscripts accepted in 1998 have been antedated and published in this 1997 Volume.

Insect Science's on-line availability has become a reality. The journal's table of contents and abstracts can be viewed free of charge on <a href="http://www.bdt.org.br/bioline">http://www.bdt.org.br/bioline</a>, with a provision for ordering full articles at a nominal fee. This is an important milestone for ISA, and will no doubt greatly improve the journal's visibility as well as author and subscriber profiles. We would like to pay special tribute to the Southern Africa Book and Development Educational Trust (SABDET) for providing a grant for this project to the Electronic Publishing Trust for Development (EPT), UK. Bioline Publications, UK have provided the technical and training assistance; we are indebted to them for their efficiency and professionalism.

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