

EDITORIAL

Over 18 months have elapsed since the accident in Chernobyl. During that time a large number of international measures have been taken through the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and by individual countries themselves.

We were, therefore, interested to learn at this point of time, how this concerned UN body now sees the situation in the energy/environment perspective. For this reason, we had asked Dr. Hans Blix, IAEA's Director General, to send us his thoughts on the subject which he agreed to do. That article was planned for this issue. However, Mr. Blix also sent us his policy statement to the 32 session of the IAEA General Conference (see page 142) which also discusses the conclusions of the Toronto Conference, printed in this issue on page 187 and the energy section of the WCED Report. We felt that this statement was of more immediate interest to our readers. The article originally planned for publication will therefore appear next time.

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The UN General Assembly is now meeting in New York and quite a number of points on the agenda concern environmental questions. We plan to report in the next two issues.

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The first meeting of Government-nominated experts for a Protocol on Protected Areas and Wildlife to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region will be held on the Virgin Islands, at the end of October. A report is planned for the next issue.

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It is a well-known fact that a specialized journal with a limited circulation always has a difficult position in a publishing house. We have to admit that we are one of these journals, and are also under-represented in the developing countries, due to the fact that each copy of such a journal is obviously more expensive to produce than one having a large circulation, and the currency problems of some of these countries make subscriptions difficult. That is the reason why we try — albeit with little success — to obtain journal sponsorship for readers in some of these countries.

All this shows that a journal such as ours needs a publisher willing and able to devote more time to promotion and to a quick production process, since our readers need prompt information. A very good solution has been found between Elsevier/North-Holland, and I O S, our new publisher, under its Director, Dr. Einar Fredriksson, who has already known our problems and needs for some time. The transition has already taken place in a cordial atmosphere, and I have not heard of any difficulties.

I am happy to announce that the journal will very soon have several highly respected advisers from all over the world whose names will appear on the impressum. I hope this promised help will encourage all of our friends to offer any advice they feel to be necessary and helpful to the editors.

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— Jeffrey B. Reilly —