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# Editorial

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World's Poultry Congresses provide valuable opportunities to take stock of the current state of science and technology in the poultry sector and the XIXth such Congress in Amsterdam, hardly more than 10 months ahead, promises to fulfil this and many other expectations. The Netherlands Branch of the WPSA can look back with a degree of pride in the knowledge that the first Congress took place over 70 years ago – in the Hague. Although so many of the major developments in poultry science and methods of poultry production have been concentrated in the past 40 or 50 years, it is good to be reminded that the roots of the WPSA date back to the beginning of the century when such pioneers as Professor James Rice, Dr Raymond Pearl and Sir Edward Brown were among those who helped establish the Association and to nurture it during its early years. [For more information on the history of the WPSA, *see* A.W. Jasper (1978) *WPSJ*, 34: 9–21.]

At a meeting on 21 June between the Congress organizers, main sponsors and the press, a progress report was given with details of the scientific and social programmes for 20–24 September 1992 (*see* Association News, page 277). Dr Piet Simons, Secretary General, also reported that the aim would be to attract between 2000 and 3000 participants to the XIXth Congress – an interesting contrast to the 384 names listed as participants in the Hague Congress of 1921. In terms of finance, the total budget for the event is likely to be between 3.5 and 4.0m Dutch Guilders (US\$1.8–2.0m), of which about a third will come from the 16 main sponsors. It is to be hoped that the Congress receives the wholehearted support of Association members and many others in the poultry industry of the world.

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[**Important notice:** Increase in 1992 Membership dues – *see* Association News, page 276.]