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For many years ISI has planned to publish a comprehensive series of editions of *Current Contents* that would cover not only the basic biological and physical sciences, but also such fields as agriculture, nutrition, and animal science.

It has been a source of frustration to me that new editions of *Current Contents* have sometimes had to wait on financial and organizational developments that would assure continuance of publication and maintenance of quality. Thus, it gives me great pleasure to present to old and new *Current Contents* subscribers this first issue of *Current Contents/Agricultural, Food & Veterinary Sciences*. (It is with comparable pleasure that I am able to report publication also of the first issue of a new edition of *Current Contents* in the fields of engineering and technology.)

The problem of defining the fields to be covered by *CC*®/AF&V has not been an easy one. In general, we have attempted to include all significant journals, wherever published, in the fields broadly defined by the title. In the case of the agricultural sciences, this has meant inclusion of journals dealing with agricultural chemistry, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering and research, forestry, horticulture, and others, as well as the traditional biological areas of botany, ecology, entomology, and zoology. In the case of the food sciences, we are including journals in food science and technology, nutrition, food processing and vitaminology. For the veterinary sciences, there are journals in animal behavior, animal husbandry, dairy science, poultry science, veterinary medicine and pathology, fishery, and others.

The task of journal review and selection has not been completed, however. Studies still in progress will be continued to assure adequate coverage of all areas of the agricultural, food, and veterinary sciences. Initially, the list includes more than 700 journals; it will undoubtedly grow beyond 1,000 during the year, and readers are urged to send me their suggestions for changes and additions.

As do other editions of *Current Contents*, the new *Current Contents/Agricultural, Food & Veterinary Sciences* will provide contents pages of significant journals in the original format, often in advance a journal's publication date. Whenever they are given, we will also include authors' addresses in an address directory. Further, ISI's *Original Article Tear Sheet* service will be available as an international mail order library to thousands of readers whose access to good technical libraries is limited or difficult.

We believe that the impact of *CC/AF&V* on communication among workers in the fields it covers will be a significant one. It is our hope that we can prevent information from being literally buried and get it into the hands of those who can put it to practical use in bridging gaps between the numerous specialties of today's fragmented theoretical and applied sciences.

For many readers, this first issue of *CC/AF&V* will be their introduction to *CC* and its various benefits, and to other services of ISI. Some of these services, and the philosophy from which they have been developed, are described in the pages which follow.