

## **Publisher's Note**

We are pleased to announce that, as of 1 January 2010, Dr Xianming Chen, US Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS), Wheat Genetics, Quality, Physiology and Disease Research Unit and Department of Plant Pathology, Washington State University, the United States, has agreed to join *Crop Protection* as the Editor-in-Chief responsible for papers covering the subject area 'Plant Pathology and Nematology.'

Dr Chen received his Ph.D. degree in plant pathology from Washington State University, in 1991. Currently he is working as research plant pathologist in USDA-ARS and adjunct professor at Washington State University. He has served as Associate Editor for *Phytopathology* and as Senior Editor for *Plant Disease*.

Dr Chen currently directs a research project "Control of rusts of cereal crops". He has published extensively in areas related to this research area. All his published papers in international journals are based on experimental work, and they belong to plant pathological issues.

We are sure you will all join us in welcoming Dr Chen to this position, in which he will no doubt make significant contributions to further strengthening the high reputation of the journal.