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FOREWORD

The principal objective of those who have been involved in preparing this edition of *Poultry Diseases* continues to be to provide an up-to-date and concise account of the more common diseases of poultry and of the factors that are important in supporting optimal production.

The first edition was published under the editorship of the late Bob Gordon in 1977 and the regular production of new editions since that time is a reflection of the rapid changes and advances that have taken place in poultry production and in the understanding and control of disease. The use of molecular techniques for rapid diagnosis, for epidemiological tracing and for improved vaccine production is one of the factors that have accelerated the pace of these advances. In addition, greater attention is being given to zoonotic infections, to the advantage of the consumer. The benefits seen by the industry over recent years have been a marked increase in production performance and feed conversion throughout the world and, in many areas, a greater contribution to the quantity and quality of the human food supply. However, there are still challenges to be met. For example, problems have emerged in the control of certain diseases in some countries since the removal of effective drugs.

The editors and contributors to this book are active and renowned in their particular fields and have produced an updated edition that serves a highly useful purpose in providing the latest information on poultry disease and its control.

Frank Jordan

PREFACE

The purpose of *Poultry Diseases* is to provide a standard reference work on health and disease for those involved in the poultry industry.

This book includes information that is relevant to veterinary and agricultural students and their teachers, veterinarians in government and practice, and management staff involved in poultry companies. This is now the sixth edition of the book first edited by the visionary Dr R. F. Gordon in 1977. Its continued success has been a tribute to the zeal, tenacity and scientific standing of Professor Frank Jordan. This is the first edition where he has not been senior editor and the four of us are privileged to continue as his successors.

The poultry industry is very important to the world agricultural economy, and technological innovation has greatly improved the efficiency of poultry production, especially in relation to housing, nutrition, genetics and health management. Hence it was considered necessary to update the content of this book without fundamentally changing its format. For example, the chapter on avian influenza has been expanded and the welfare chapter has been extended to include the European situation. In the bacteriology section, the reclassification of organisms of '*Pasteurella* type' is brought up to date. The importance of biosecurity is now well understood by industry and governments and this is reflected by a complete revamp of the chapter on hygiene.

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