

## Editorial

An extraordinary meeting of the European Association was held in Brussels on the 20th September to discuss the *draft* standards for keeping cetacea in the UK. This was a timely meeting since many people, including other European Governments, were not aware that the standards laid down in Dr Klinowska's Report were indeed draft ones, and open for discussion by the UK Government appointed Steering Committee. As a result of this Meeting, letters were sent to the appropriate Departments of other European Governments recommending the E.A.A.M. standards promulgated in March 1985 at the Duisburg meeting, and accepted by the Association. These figures were based on the experience of members, and were felt to be a more realistic and practical standard than the draft, as referred to above.

The fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Association is due to be held in Hamburg from the 15–18 March based at the hotel 'Norge'. This is an excellent site for the meeting, being near the Zoo, close to a subway station for those wishing to visit the City, and surrounded by many smaller (and therefore cheaper) hotels and 'pensions'. Further details will be available from the Secretary—Michael Riddell, Marineland, Avenue Mozart, 06600 Antibes, France.

Meanwhile, Dr Andrew Greenwood of Hainsworth House, Damens Lane, Keighley, Yorkshire, UK is putting out a call for papers. In organizing the scientific programme, he has chosen as main subject topics:- The Captive Environment: a scientific approach to the standards in animal care; Current Marine Mammal Research in Zoos and Dolphinarium; Medicine and Pathology in Marine Mammals; Behaviour Studies in Wild and Captive Marine Mammals (with the emphasis on a comparative approach); Sirenia, and the Conservation of Marine Mammals. He would welcome any papers on the above subjects, and also would wish to include the Polar Bear, if possible, under any of the above headings. There is also limited room for single papers of interest on other subjects. Intending presenters should contact him direct, and as soon as possible.

It, therefore, only remains for me to wish all subscribers a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year, and hope you will all support Volume 13 of 'Aquatic Mammals' due out in 1987.