

EDITORIAL

I welcome you to the 2nd and 3rd issues of *Bioprocessing of Solid Waste and Sludge (BSWS)*. The manuscripts have been selected from papers presented at the ORBIT2001 International Conference held in Seville, Spain, in May 2001.

The success of the ORBIT2001 conference reflected the ever increasing interest in biowaste management throughout Europe. The EU landfill directive has caused promoted a major re-assessment of the way biowaste management will be practised in Europe both in the short and long term.

ORBIT2001 addressed issues of biowaste management by focusing on the the quality of the products resulting from a specific management route. Emphasis was particularly placed on compost and biogas quality. The next major conference in this area - ORBIT2003 - will take place in Perth, Australia, in May 2003 focusing on the importance of biowaste management to sustainable development. You can find more details of ORBIT2003 on the ORBIT website.

We are pleased to be able to tell you that we have secured sufficient support to ensure that the BSWS journal will carry on being available free-of charge for at least the next few issues.

If you have any comments on any matter relating to the BSWS we would be pleased to hear from you.

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