

Editorial / Redaksioneel

A CHANGE OF DIRECTION

For the past three years the policy of EEASA, as determined by its members and followed by the **Southern African Journal of Environmental Education**, has been to participate in the development of Environmental Education in Southern Africa by publishing a journal catering for a wide range of interests. By publishing articles and material received from members and other interested individuals the Journal attempted to address everyone interested in Environmental Education. Articles of all kinds have been published in the language in which they were received. In addition to those in Afrikaans and English, articles in Setswana, Xhosa and Zulu have appeared.

As EEASA's influence and membership have grown and in some ways become more sophisticated it has, however, become increasingly evident that new needs and expectations have been developing. On the one hand there has been increasing pressure for a 'more academic' publication (emphasising theory and research) and on the other for a 'less academic' publication concentrating on the practical issues, application and methodology of Environmental Education. These sentiments, borne out by the survey of EEASA members reported on p. 12, were discussed openly at the 1988 AGM held at Hogsback in the Eastern Cape.

While the EEASA Council and the Journal

editor are firmly of the opinion that 'theory' and 'practice' are not separate entities but rather very closely integrated, it is nonetheless felt that the expressed needs of the members should be catered for. Accordingly from now on the 'journal' and its contents will be split into an 'academic journal' appearing once a year (in July/August) and a less formal 'bulletin' appearing twice per year (April/May and November/December). It is intended to develop the Journal into a refereed publication as explained in the footnote on p. 14, and at the same time to attract more practical and methodological material for the Bulletin.

Members or other interested individuals may of course write for whichever publication they prefer, but by the very nature of the material and those to whom it is addressed the style and content will be different. The present 'Guidelines for Authors' will continue to apply to the Journal but will be less stringent and less formal for the Bulletin. All members will receive both Journal and Bulletin and all articles will continue to be published in the language in which they are received.

Finally, both publications will continue to depend entirely on articles submitted. Both the Journal and the Bulletin will ultimately be what members make them.

