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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1987 - A REMINDER

Some members will have been embarrassed to receive a further 1987 Subscription Renewal Form with this *Bulletin*. This means that we have yet to receive their 1987 subscription. We urge anyone who has yet to pay their subscription to do so now, as this will save us much future administrative time and effort.

We should remind you that this will be the last *Bulletin* that we can send you until you pay your 1987 subscription.

To ease the effort of membership renewal for members with British bank accounts, we suggest that members who not already do so should make payment using the Banker's Order form included on the subscription renewal form.

Of course, if you have recently paid your subscription, please ignore this reminder.

Membership Secretaries

DELAYS IN THE PUBLICATION OF THIS BULLETIN

Long-term readers of *WSG Bulletin* will have become used to the regular appearance of this item, as your increasingly hard-pressed editors continue the struggle to produce successive issues of the *Bulletin*. Previous delays have arisen for a startling variety of reasons - some foreseen, some entirely unexpected. However, this time we are delighted to announce a new twist to the tale: the delay in publishing this issue of the *Bulletin* is entirely deliberate policy!

Before readers conclude that we have finally cracked under the editorial strain, we had better explain. Elsewhere in this *Bulletin* we announce the resignation of several Officers of

WSG, after a long period of service. To fulfill our constitutional obligations, we have to publish nominations for new people to fill these posts, and a number of other changes caused by further consequential restructuring of the Executive Committee, in the April issue of the *Bulletin*. Accordingly we have delayed publication to permit the inclusion of firm proposals for the election of Officers and Committee Members at the 1987 AGM.

Delaying publication of the April issue of the *Bulletin* has allowed us also to include some updated information about the 1987 Annual Meeting in Poland in September - an added bonus.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BULLETIN APPEARANCE

Observant readers will have noticed that we have made several changes to recent issues of the *Bulletin*. Firstly, to make the *Bulletin* easier to open and read we have changed the style of binding to saddle-stitching. This form of binding will be used from now on, except for very thick issues such as the two recent *Bulletin Supplements*, which for technical reasons have to be "perfect bound".

Since changing to the computer-produced printing system for the *Bulletin* 3 years ago, we have been aware that the type-face has been rather difficult to read. Unfortunately, computer type-setting is still far too costly for WSG to contemplate. However, recent advances in the quality of dot-matrix computer printers mean that at only a small additional cost for each *Bulletin* we have been able to greatly improve the print quality, but without unduly altering our editorial system. We have used the new type-face first for the two recent *Bulletin Supplements*, and now for this issue of a "standard" *Bulletin*.

Wader Study Group Bulletin is being increasingly quoted in abstracting journals and by authors of papers published elsewhere. We have been concerned recently to make quite clear the distinction between "papers" giving completed research results, and the progress reports, provisional findings, project announcements and similar material that form such an important part of the functioning of the group, and the information service to members, that these items provide. Therefore we have initiated a further change to the style of presentation of papers in this issue of the *Bulletin*, which now appear with an indented citation and abstract at the beginning of the paper. Interim material appears with the old-style format retained. We hope that this helps authors wishing to cite *Bulletin* articles in the future.

We think that these changes have greatly improved the appearance and readability, and we will be continuing to seek ways of further improving the *Bulletin*. Helpful suggestions and comments are always welcomed by the Editors.