

Letter from the Editors

We are pleased to announce that, starting with issue 1 of 2010, *Itinerario* will be published by Cambridge University Press. This means that, nearly thirty-three years after *Itinerario* was first published, this issue will be the last one to appear independently. For over three decades, the administration, production, and distribution of our journal have been a collaborative effort involving many different people. Coordinating all of these activities has been the terrain of the editors and the secretariat of the research group on European Expansion and Globalisation—formerly the Centre for the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction (IGEER)—of Leiden University's Institute for History. We would like to express our deep gratitude to everyone at the Institute who has lent a helping hand and supported *Itinerario*. We are particularly grateful to Mrs Marijke van Wissen-van Staden, for single-handedly managing the subscriptions and the distribution process, and for doing her work with so much warmth and kindness. Also, the distribution process would not have been possible without the toil of innumerable anonymous labourers at Leiden University—students, PhD researchers, professors, visiting scholars, or just passers-by—who during the past decades have helped with packing and shipping.

Cooperation with various institutions beyond Leiden University has also been essential to our journal's successful publication. Throughout the years, the generous support from the John Carter Brown Library in Providence, Rhode Island, has enabled us to deal with the payments from our American subscribers in an effective and comfortable way. Especially Maureen O'Donnell, Sonia Galetti, and Dr. Norman Fiering at JCB have been extremely helpful. We thank also the printer *Nautilus* (Leiden) and the binder *Mosmans* (Katwijk) for always being prepared to do the printing *Itinerario* at very short notice.

Cambridge University Press will take care of all aspects of the publishing process. There will be no changes with regard to the content of *Itinerario*. The editorial board remains the same, as does the advisory board. The journal will remain a publication on behalf of the Institute for History of Leiden University.

What will change is that we will be working with a publishing partner with extensive experience in the field of history journals. Cambridge University Press provides our journal with highly professional publishing capabilities, and helps us to greatly expand our readership. Thanks to Cambridge, one important step forward for *Itinerario* will be new online accessibility at universities and libraries throughout the world. There will also be a thorough and sustained marketing effort to further enlarge the journal's reach.

Finally, and unrelated to the new partnership with Cambridge University Press, there have been some changes in the editorial board. Annelieke Dirks has left the board in order to focus on the final stage of her PhD dissertation. We thank her for all the editorial work she has done during the past three years. We also welcome two new editors in our midst, Bhawan Ruangsilp and Carolien Stolte. We look forward to working with them, and with the *Itinerario* team at Cambridge.

The Editors