

Editorial announcement

October 2003 is the twentieth issue of *Financial History Review*. We have been in existence for ten years. We do not see this as a time for self-congratulation, but we are pleased that the objectives set out in our first issue¹ have largely been met. *Financial History Review* has filled the gap left by the demise of the *Revue internationale d'histoire de la banque* and responded to the 'boom' enjoyed by banking and financial history in the 1980s and especially the 1990s. We are also confident that *Financial History Review* has avoided falling into the trap of excess specialisation, demonstrating that this is not a narrow and technical field, but rather a rich and varied vein of history; and that it has proved a broad church welcoming all historical approaches, from the economic to the cultural.

These achievements owe a great deal to Philip Cottrell, co-founding editor of the journal, whose unique understanding of banking history has been a guarantee of academic rigour, and who has been responsible for assembling the 'final product' throughout the journal's existence. *Financial History Review* would not exist in its present form without his unremitting commitment. Phil is stepping down as co-editor, though he will remain a member of our editorial board and will keep an eye on the journal as chairman of the Academic Advisory Council of the European Association for Banking History whose support has been decisive in the ongoing success of the *Review*.

With this issue, two new editors are joining *Financial History Review*. Duncan Ross, of the University of Glasgow, takes over from Philip Cottrell as co-editor, and David Weiman, of Barnard College, Columbia University, has been appointed associate editor for North America. David will have full editorial responsibility for this part of the world and articles relating to the United States and Canada should be sent to him. *Financial History Review* has always aimed to have a global geographical scope and this appointment represents a further step in that direction. The new editorial team will strive to maintain the very broad range of conceptual and historical approaches outlined above, and look forward to continued support from authors and subscribers.

¹ Y. Cassis and P. L. Cottrell, 'Financial history', *Financial History Review*, 1, 1, April 1994, pp. 6–22.