

From the Editor . . .

I would like to welcome readers to the first issue of the *History of Economics Review*, the more technically sophisticated and glossier daughter of the *HETSA Bulletin*. At the sixth HETSA Conference, John Pullen suggested the name change and it was well received. The proposed name was put to the test in a letter to all members of the Society and it was enthusiastically endorsed. I am also happy to report that the School of Economics at the University of New South Wales has generously agreed to provide secretarial assistance and to pick up the mailing costs of the publication.

It has also been suggested that we should be moving in the direction of publishing a fully-fledged international Journal, perhaps in cooperation with another History of Economic Thought Society. On this the reaction of members was more cautious. Some thought the move premature, given the competition and the available market, and suggested a focus on review articles. Professor H.W. Arndt, for example, wrote that "Libraries can no longer place a new Journal subscription without cancelling an old one. There are just too many journals. (It is said that two new economic journals are being established in the world every week)." The publication of *HER* might be seen as some sort of compromise in these respects. It contains original articles and extensive review essays (at least two of those for this issue are likely to ruffle the feathers of a few of our members).

All editors have their hopes for a publication and I would like to achieve several objectives. First, to ensure a more continuous flow of submissions, including those from members of other HET societies. A related concern is to encourage more economists, with an interest in the history of economics, to come out of the closet! I believe there are a large number in the profession, who though not members of our Society, have an interest in some aspect of our craft. Secondly, I want to reach more graduate students doing research in the history of economics or those that are very early in their careers. Early publication and feedback may be very useful to them at that stage of their research endeavours.

But as always, the proof of the pudding must be in the eating. *Bon appetit!*