

EDITORIAL

The fourth biennial conference of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia took place at the University of Newcastle, 14-17 May, 1987. Thirty participants came from thirteen Australian universities and colleges, and four from overseas. The conference was honoured to have as invited guest lecturers, Professor A.W. Coats (Duke University, U.S.A.) and Professor J.T. Young (St Lawrence University, U.S.A.), and to have as its conference dinner speaker, Professor Michael Carter (Newcastle University), whose entertaining address is reproduced in part in this issue of the Bulletin. Professor Chuhei Sugiyama (Tokyo Kaizai University) was another most welcome visitor, maintaining the Japan-Australia link first established by Professor Toshihiro Tanaka (Kwansei Gakuin University) at the inaugural HETSA conference in 1981, and Dr K. Jackson, University of Auckland, kept alive the New Zealand-Australia connection. HETSA is greatly indebted to Allen Oakley (with the assistance of Barry Gordon) for the organisation of such a successful conference, and to the University of Newcastle for financial assistance.

The fourth biennial business meeting of HETSA preceded the conference and copies of the minutes and accounts can be obtained by members from Ray Petridis, Secretary/Treasurer of HETSA. The main decisions taken at the meeting were: the title of the HETSA Newsletter should be altered to HETSA Bulletin; the membership fee (including a subscription to the HETSA Bulletin) should be A\$15 a year; the fifth HETSA conference will be held at the Australian National University, Canberra, and will be organised by Mac Boot; with John Wood's retirement as Secretary/Treasurer of HETSA and Editor of the Newsletter, the editorship of the Bulletin is passed to John Pullen, and Ray Petridis becomes Secretary/Treasurer. The meeting recorded its appreciation of the sustained efforts of John Wood in launching the Newsletter in 1981, taking sole responsibility for the first five issues and collaborating with Peter Groenewegen on the sixth.

HETSA members are requested URGENTLY to renew their memberships (renewal form enclosed), and to publicise the existence of HETSA and its Bulletin. Contributions of articles, book reviews, and notices for the Summer 1987 issue and subsequent issues of the Bulletin would be welcomed.