Editorial

As many of you will have read (SEL-News 26), this is my last issue of *Nota* as Editor. Over the last year or two, I have found it increasingly difficult to find sufficient time for my editorial duties and this has been reflected in the late appearance of the last few issues, but not, I hope, in their quality. I therefore informed Council of my decision to resign, as soon as a new Editor could be found. Alain Olivier, Luitenant Lippenslaan 43 b 14, B-2140 Antwerpen, Belgium, agreed to take over the editing of volume 19 so that I could concentrate on finishing volume 18. I will remain responsible for the Congress Proceedings Supplements so that these can be published more rapidly than in the past.

I have been involved with *Nota* since 1980, when Emmanuel de Bros took over as Editor and invited me to join his Editorial Committee. In 1986, I was elected Ordinary Council Member of SEL and this was the same year that 'Nota' introduced the manuscript review process. In 1990, at the 7th SEL Congress (Lunz-am-See, Austria), I was elected as Editor.

I set myself three main aims: To improve punctuality of publication, to improve the quality (content and style) and to publish the Congress Proceedings as supplements. Unfortunately, I found that the last two goals conflicted with the first. To achieve quality took time and time became scarcer. I was never able to reach the first goal, but judging from the letters I have received, I feel that I have been successful with the second. Three Proceedings issues have been issued and the next is well on its way.

I would not have been able to produce 'Nota' without the help of many people. I would sincerely like to thank my Co-Editors: Emmanuel de Bros, Hansjürg Geiger, Andreas Erhardt, Yves Gonseth, Alexander Pelzer and Roger Dennis, the numerous reviewers, and last but not least the authors, for their immense support, cooperation and patience.

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