

Editorial

The Academia Europaea is concerned with discourse and study within Europe with a strong emphasis on communication and co-operation between disciplines. This style is reflected in the symposia and study groups that it organizes. The *European Review* will reflect this attitude. The articles in each issue will cover a wide range of approaches and attitudes but generally written in a way that are of interest and are intelligible to readers of quite different backgrounds. Each issue will also have several papers on aspects of a single problem forming a *Focus*. In the first issue this is on a problem of great contemporary interest, the migration of peoples in Europe. A fascinating topic that shows how treacherous it was to project the pattern of migration of the early part of this century into the present day.

In forthcoming issues the Focus series will be on 'Materials', the 'Future of Museums', and 'European Science Policy'. Many of the articles in the Review are based on contributions made at meetings held by the Academia, and indeed three of the articles in the first Focus were so derived. Included in the first issue is also an article by the German Minister of Science and Technology on 'Scientific advice'. The Academia has established an annual *Erasmus* lecture devoted to some topic of particular European importance and these will be published in the Review. The first occasion on which this was delivered was this year by János Kornai, a Professor of Economics who divides his time between Hungary and the United States, on the evolution from planned to market economies. In 1993 the topic will be 'Can there be a European Law?'.

The articles commissioned for the Review are by no means confined to European topics, and some represent preoccupations of members of the Academia. While much of the material published in the *European Review* will be derived from ongoing activities of the Academia, the Editors welcome articles from readers, and their observations on the interest and usefulness of the Review.

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