

EDITORIAL

With this issue, our *Nieuwsbrief/Newsletter* changes its format and identity, but not its continuity. We have reasoned that since Dutchman speak English as a second language (and in fact use it exclusively in former colonies like Manhattan), we can save half our space by employing that tongue alone. Then we decided to fill the leftover pages with news and features concerning the field of European expansion.

After all, our fellow expansionists are in dire need of intercommunication, scattered as we are from Sao Paulo and San Francisco to Leyden, Delhi, Colombo and Tokyo. Finally, we added the name *Itinerario*, which is both reminiscent of Linschoten's original contribution to the expansion and descriptive of the travels our bulletin will make to reach our far-flung readership.

In this number, you will find some new features, but not nearly so many as we plan to bring you in the future. We are just in the process of setting up our network of corresponding editors throughout the world, for one thing. For another, we will presently begin an extended series on the important archives for expansion research. And above all we are interested in suggestions for new editorial approaches. Please write us with your ideas.

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The Editors.

