

## Letter from the Editors

With this first issue of 2006, *Itinerario* has reached its 30th year of publication. The editorial board is grateful that *Itinerario's* formula, publishing articles on the history of European expansion, the interactions as a result of that expansion, and their meaning for world history, is still a very valid one and that many historians choose this journal as a platform to share their specific insights and research findings.

In order to mark the 30th anniversary of the journal, a conference will be organized on September 25th-27th on 'Commerce and Culture in the Indian Ocean'. An advertisement for the conference in this issue offers more information.

This issue contains an article by Professor Ayodeji Olukoju (University of Lagos, Nigeria), an earlier version of which was presented as a paper at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICS), University of London, on 20 June 2005. There are also two articles, by Gerrit J. Knaap and Arjan Veering, which were originally presented as papers at the Fifteenth International Workshop on Southeast Asian Studies, 'Ports, ships and resources: Maritime history of Indonesia in the age of transition, 1870 until present', at the KITLV in Leiden in January 2001. The 'Java Sea Project' in the context of which this workshop took place was subsidized by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The Editors would like to thank Markus Vink in New York for arranging the book reviews and review articles. Any suggestions for reviews in future issues can as always be sent directly to Dr Vink.

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