

Letter from the Editors

We are proud to be able to present in this issue an interview with Anthony Reid, the eminent historian of Southeast Asia. Born in New Zealand, Professor Reid began doing research on Southeast Asia in the early 1960s. As you can read in the interview, his work has not only been a source of inspiration for academics but also for guerilla fighters in the jungle of Aceh. Currently Anthony Reid is professor emeritus at the Australian National University and he continues to publish on Southeast Asia.

As usual the articles in this issue cover a diverse range of topics—from slavery in colonial Timor and the anti-slavery movement in nineteenth-century Switzerland to Britain's informal empire in the teak forests of Siam, and from Spanish castaways in British Bermuda to the Central African Federation in the early 1960s.

This issue is the second to be published by Cambridge University Press. To celebrate this new publishing partnership, on 25 August Cambridge University Press and *Itinerario* will host a drinks reception at the 21st International Congress of Historical Sciences, which will take place in Amsterdam. We hope to be able to meet many of our readers at that occasion.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

On Friday, October 1st, 2010
the Royal Netherlands Historical Society (KNHG)
will organise the conference

**'A New Dutch Imperial History:
Connecting Dutch and Overseas Pasts'**

The conference takes place at the
Dutch National Library in The Hague (KB)

See ***www.knhg.nl*** for more information
about the programme, registration and location