

## Letter from the Institute

We are a little late with the publication of the second issue of 1991. Fortunately, the extra time allowed us to include several contributions on the history of the New World, thus preparing our readership for the quincentennial of the discovery of America.

In addition there is a report as well as an article on the transfer of science and technology in Africa and Asia. Our Institute for the History of European Expansion in Leiden in unison with the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam hosted a conference on this topic, which will be developed further in the future. The proceedings of this Amsterdam/Leiden conference will be published in the *Journal of the Japan-Netherlands Institute* in Tokyo.

Last, but not least, it should be mentioned that the collective volume on *European Expansion and Migration* will appear this spring with Berg Publishers Ltd., Oxford under the joint editorship of Magnus Mörner and Pieter Emmer. Some of the contributions of this volume have appeared in *Itinerario* 14:1 (1990). Around the same time a collective volume on *European Expansion and Law* will appear with Berg Publishers under the editorship of Wolfgang Mommsen and Jaap de Moor. In our next issue we hope to publish a contribution on the legal consequences of European penetration overseas.

The Editors