

Editorial

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Writing this introductory editorial is a somewhat strange experience inasmuch as it is only my second editorial for *EuroJTh* but it will also be my last. New and increased responsibilities in my work setting mean that I have to give up some external commitments, and the editorship of *EuroJTh* is one such responsibility that I must forsake. I do so with some reluctance! I have been editor of *EuroJTh* for only one year (although I have also been a review editor for English book reviews for some six years now) but I am immensely encouraged regarding the condition of evangelical, academic theology in Europe. I firmly believe that both *EuroJTh* and its parent body, the Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians, are well-placed to continue to grow and develop in the years to come. Increasing membership in Central and Eastern Europe and well as the growth of evangelical scholarship in some of the countries of Southern Europe are combining with the more traditional sources of evangelical scholarship in Northern Europe to create an exciting, international intellectual community of faith. It is my hope and prayer that this continent-wide, creative interaction will continue to grow all the more in the years to come.

I am comforted by the fact that I leave *EuroJTh* in

good hands. Dr Pieter Lalleman – Academic Dean and Lecturer in New Testament at Spurgeon's College, London – will take over the reigns of *EuroJTh* from the next issue (18:2). Pieter is ideally suited to the task. He is from the Netherlands, yet working in England and is comfortable with the European languages that form the backbone of *EuroJTh*. What is more, Pieter's wife, Hetty, has had a long association both with FEET and the journal and will be more than able to provide Pieter with the support that he needs as he finds his feet as editor of *EuroJTh*! Pieter has also written several reviews for *EuroJTh* and they have always been marked by careful scholarship and a warm spirit. So we have every reason to hope that *EuroJTh* will continue to go from strength to strength.

In closing, I commend this issue of the journal to you. As usual, we have an eclectic group of essays looking at themes as varied as Genesis, science and hermeneutics; the church practices of the Covenanters in Scotland and the *Völkstestament* of 1930s Germany. I am sure that readers will find much of interest both in the articles and the reviews in this issue of *EuroJTh*. It has been a privilege to be involved in the journal and I look forward to seeing it continue to flourish.

Latest news:

Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians

Next conference:

Woltersdorf (Berlin) 20-24 August 2010

Theme: *Evangelical Theological Interpretation within Contemporary European Culture(s)*

Papers expected on

1. *Evangelicalism and the Challenge of European Cultural Change*
2. *Word, Words and Worship: Revelation, Truth, Authority and Worship in Postmodern and Pluralistic Europe*
3. *The Old Testament: Just a Story?*
4. *Unity, Diversity, Canonical Openness and the New Testament*
5. *The Changing Face of Ethics: An Evangelical Theological Framework*
6. *Reaching Europe: Evangelical Challenges in Contemporary Missiology*

Do mark these dates in your diaries!