

Letter from the Editors

The first issue of 2001 is more or less dominated by people from Leiden. This is a total coincidence and we only realised it after putting the issue together. Then we found out that we were about to publish an article by our retired colleague George Winus on the search for the *Santa Rosa*, an article by our former director Henk Wesseling on Gabriel Hanotaux, an article by research fellow René Barendse on the Arabian Seas and an article by former assistant Rebecca Parker on Georg Marcgraf. On top of that we will also review the latest book by our Leiden colleague Robert Ross on the history of South Africa. Fortunately, we got help from Nigeria; Yomi Akinyeye sent us an article on West Africa's colonial defence. We hope this issue by all kinds of scholars from Leiden will not disappoint you and we promise that in future issues you will read articles by scholars from everywhere but Leiden.

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