

## Letter from the Centre

People from the Centre get around: as Leonard Blussé and Henk Wesseling were returning from a trip to China and Japan, George Winius was departing for Bombay. It was a good thing that Pieter Emmer was just back from the U.S. and the Caribbean to keep the Centre on keel. No doubt you will be reading of their activities and findings in future issues of this journal.

It concerns us a little, though, that we tend to be somewhat lopsided in our coverage in favour of Asia. In this issue we do carry an article on slavery, and a Columbus article is scheduled for our next regular issue. By the way, you will notice we have caught up to ourselves chronologically in that the dates on our cover now reflect reality. Quite an accomplishment for us – though perhaps we were deluding ourselves in thinking that being a year behind lent us a certain intellectual respectability.

Our subscription campaign seems slowly to be yielding results, though it was a bit naive of us to have sent out our solicitations to university acquisitions librarians at the beginning of the summer when they were just going on holiday. Anything you might do to remind them of us would, as always, be greatly appreciated.

The Editors