○ EDITORIAL

ARAL Volume 30 sees a new editorial team taking over from Antonia Rubino and Marisa Cordella: Roland Sussex (UQ) as Editor, and Zifardaus Adnan (UNE) and Rachel Varshney (Macquarie) as Associate Editors. Elizabeth Ellis (UNE) continues as Reviews Editor, except for semester 1, 2007 when she will be replaced by Rachel Varshney.

Academic journals build their reputation on quality and continuity. *ARAL* has steadily been growing in quality over its 30 years, guided by its editors and supported by the ALAA Executive. We now have two regular issues and one special issue per year – a long way from the first issues of *ARAL*. The most significant change in recent years, however, happened under the stewardship of Antonia Rubino and Marisa Cordella: the addition of the on-line version of *ARAL*, which is handled by ePress at Monash University:

<http://www.epress.monash.edu/aral/>

ALAA members can access the electronic version through a standard password mechanism.

We now have both a paper and an electronic journal. The electronic version will enormously increase the outreach of research published in *ARAL*, especially since Web-based readers will have its indexed contents accessible through search engines, and will be able to access the website on a trial basis. Institution-based readers whose libraries subscribe to *ARAL* will be able to access *ARAL* on-line. This kind of access is increasingly the default for leading journals. *ARAL* has made a timely transition to the digital propagation of scholarship.

Continuity of editorship is less tangible. One of its manifestations is a massif of boxes of papers, and several CDs of data, records and procedures. More important is the advice, guidance and insights of the outgoing editorial team. Antonia Rubino and Marisa Cordella, and Elizabeth Ellis as a continuing editor, have been unstinting in their support of the new team, sharing their experience and patiently talking us through how *ARAL* does what it does. The new editorial team warmly acknowledges their outstanding contribution to the quality and continuity of *ARAL*.

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