

From the Editor:

If I may begin by paraphrasing my predecessor, “you are about to examine [not] the inaugural issue of the **HES Bulletin**,”¹ but the inaugural issue of its second editor. My immediate aim is to emulate the first five volumes edited by Karen Vaugh, and my mediate aim, a difficult one no doubt, is to try to improve the **Bulletin** in the spirit of its original purpose, that is, to become “a means of communications among members of the HES and ... a clearhouse of **current research**,”² with particular emphasis on the later.

As Karen recently said to me, she was proud of the first five volumes of the **Bulletin**, as indeed she should be, but, alas, was disappointed in not being able to do more in having the **Bulletin** act as a clearing house of current research in the history of economic thought. As she long ago noted, if the **Bulletin** was to become the “major source of contact with the rest of the Society” the Editor required the cooperation of the members of the HES. As she so pointedly put it: “I will need your help.”³

Let me begin then by repeating and stressing her plea, since I too will “need your help” if the **Bulletin** is to play a more important role in the dissemination of ideas among historians of economic thought. It is with this in mind that I plan to expand the section on “Short Papers” wherein you will find reports of research and other research-oriented pieces, which, hopefully, will be of interest to readers of the **Bulletin**. In this issue the “Short Papers” section includes contributions by Frank Fetter, Bob Tollison, James P. Henderson and Anghel N. Rugina. Please examine them, not only for their own intrinsic worth, but to obtain an idea of the type of contribution I hope to receive in the future.

Finally, as Karen noted five years ago, the form of the **Bulletin** “has not yet been set in concrete,” so if you have any suggestions as to how the **Bulletin** can be improved please write to me. I am particularly interested in hearing from those of you who have reports on research topics which you would like to publish in the **Bulletin**. The main limitation is space--so try to keep your contributions relatively short, say four to eight pages of double-spaced type.

I hopefully look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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¹ Karen Vaugh, “From the Editor,” **HES Bulletin**, Vol. 1, Issue 1, p. 1.

² **Ibid.**

³ **Ibid.**, p. 2.

