Editorial

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At the recent EUROCALL conference at the University of Limerick, my co-editor, Graham Chesters, remarked on two very heartening changes in the constituency of EUROCALL conference participants over the past ten years: one was the increasing number of younger teachers and researchers; the other was the multi-national representation, compared to the relatively small number of European countries who made up EUROCALL’s main body of members at the Hull conference in 1993.

Both of these changes are reflected in this issue of ReCALL. Following the publication in Vol 15 (1) of an article by Adela Guitérrez, the winner of the EUROCALL Research Award for 2002, two articles by the runners-up are included in the current issue, demonstrating that the purpose of the Award, to encourage new researchers in the field to publish their work, is being fulfilled. The international dimension is certainly apparent, with contributions from Australia, Canada, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Ukraine, UK and USA.

These and other changes are significant in our plans for future issues of ReCALL. As usual, the May issue, Vol 16(1) will contain Selected Papers from the Limerick conference, whilst Vol 16(2) is devoted to Selected Papers from WorldCALL 2003, held in Banff, Canada, in May this year, with Martin Beaudoin and Mike Levy as guest editors. With EUROCALL’s special interest groups thriving, there is also the possibility of future special issues of ReCALL which will focus on particular themes.

The Limerick conference signalled the beginning of a new era for EUROCALL and its journal ReCALL with EUROCALL’s headquarters moving to Limerick from the University of Hull after ten years, and Graham Chesters and myself resigning our posts as Treasurer and Secretary of the association. However, we both hope to continue as editors of ReCALL, confident that the new team in Limerick will provide the support and stimulation needed to carry EUROCALL firmly into the twenty-first century.