

Editorial

This issue of FONTANUS, the tenth, must begin with an explanation and a tribute. The explanation relates to the date of the issue: 1998. Strictly speaking this volume, number 10, should have been published in 1997, but circumstances were against us. Dr. Hans Möller, the Founder and Editor of FONTANUS from its inception in 1988, resigned – or, rather, retired – from this duty and there was an inevitable delay while a new Editor was chosen and persuaded to accept the post. The present issue includes an article by Dr. Möller in which he discusses the origins of FONTANUS.

A tribute to Dr. Möller is appropriate at this point. Hans Möller was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, and was educated at Copenhagen University where he obtained his Ph.D. in Danish Language and Literature in 1945. His early career included the posts of Assistant Keeper in the National Museum and Research Librarian at the Royal Library, both in Copenhagen. In 1955 Hans emigrated to Canada, where he was appointed an Executive Producer of the National Film Board and (in 1974) Chief Librarian of the University of Ottawa.

Hans Möller came to McGill in 1977, when he was appointed an Area Librarian and, in 1984, Director of Libraries. Dr. Möller retired from this post in 1986 but was designated Research and Development Librarian, the appointment he holds today. His many publications include books, articles, films and audio-visual materials. Long may you remain with us, Hans!

That brings me to the last part of this excuse for the late publication of FONTANUS, Volume 10. The search for a replacement for Dr. Möller, to assume the post of Editor, eventually focussed on me! It was a strange decision, but not wholly unwelcome. I am not a Librarian, nor even a member of the Faculty of Arts. As a scientist, I am flattered by the decision, but somewhat apprehensive. The last time I edited a journal was in 1941–43, when I was editor of my school magazine in London, England! You, dear Reader, must judge the wisdom of this appointment. Please show your support by submitting articles for Volume 11 which – I promise! – will be published promptly in 1999.

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