

(Farewell) Editorial

After four years and nine issues, one journal is allowed to consider itself "established." So it has been with our *Jahr*: almost 3,000 pages, about 250 articles and contributions, hundreds of authors from dozens of countries – that is an approximate ballance of this first stage of *Jahr*'s history. (In the meantime, one has to explain the title always less and less, given that the work and importance of Fritz Jahr has been internationally recognised.)

But, one has to be honest and admit that not all the ambitions of the journal's founding fathers have been accomplished: if it wants to survive and to be more widely accepted and read, Jahr has to enter the major indexation bases (Scopus, Embase, Ebsco, Medline, etc.), to establish the possibility of a direct Internet access (not only thorugh the Hrčak portal, as present), to focus its content, and to attract more original research papers in English. In order to do it, Jahr first was suggested to change its subtitle (to tell the truth in a Voltairian paraphrase, the Annual of the Department of Social Sciences and Medical Humanities at Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, has actually never been "annual" or "of the Department".) And so Jahr: European Journal of Bioethics is born. I suppose we all agree upon the reasonableness and promisingness of this move: not only it will better reflect the Journal's publication policy, but it also will strengthen our real international orientation. (Editorial Board did consider the possibilty of renaming Jahr into Journal of European Bioethics: unfortunately, no matter how proudly and appealing it sounds, the concept of "European bioethics" is far too complex and thus potentially misleading, so final decision was to add a more neutral but still enough decisive subtitle.)

So, a new dynamic epoch stands in front of us. I thank all the members of the Advisory and Editorial boards for their help in pioneering the journal, and invite them to continue the collaboration with the new Editor-in-Chief. I am gratefull our colleague Stjepka Popović to have taken over this burden that brings no other reward but satisfaction.

Yours, in deep respect and sincereness,

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