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Welcome to the second issue of the Research on Giftedness and Talent SIG’s new electronic journal. The Publications Committee appreciates the many messages of encouragement and offers of support in response to the first issue. We especially appreciate the time and energy of the authors who participated in this issue’s feature and supporting articles.

This issue contains three featured articles. Frank Worrell’s research study on comparing the psychosocial characteristics of talented students and students at risk for school failure is the centerpiece of this issue. Frank continues to explore the psychological aspects of giftedness in interesting and provocative ways, and we appreciate him sharing his work with the ROGAT membership. In the second featured article, Meihua Qian, a doctoral student at Indiana University, shares some thoughts about the study of creativity in China, where problem-solving and creativity have largely been neglected but are increasingly a focus of school reform efforts. Michael Matthews provides a critique of Florida’s new gifted education rule in the final featured article. All three articles represent the types of scholarship that the e-journal was meant to include and foster, and we hope to include similar work in the future.

The brief book and article reviews in the first issue proved to be quite popular, so we have included several more in this issue. Special thanks goes to Rita Culross, Ruth Hewston, Dona Matthews, and Marion Porath for their contributions to this section.

The issue closes with information about the upcoming World Conference at the University of Warwick in Coventry, England. Our appreciation goes to Alison Rowan and her colleagues at the University of Warwick for the willingness to prepare the brief article in this issue, which includes information about both this year’s conference and the history of the Conference.

With this issue, I turn the editorial reins over to Dona Matthews. Please continue to offer your support to Dona as she kicks off the second year of the e-journal!

In closing, I would like to thank Leigh Kupersmith, the managing editor for these two issues, for her talent and hard work. Leigh is responsible for the look-and-feel and production of the journal, both of which have received many compliments. For providing the quotation below, I thank Michael Pyryt. Finally, I appreciate the assistance of publication committee members Dona Matthews, Robin Kyburg, and Leigh Kupersmith, and also SIG chair Michael Pyryt and past chair Carolyn Callahan.

The statistician keeps his finger on the pulse of Humanity,
and gives the necessary warning when things are not as they should be

Adolphe Quételet