
Editorial

This first issue of the new millennium marks the EJIL's move from four to five issues a year, with a corresponding increase of some 20 per cent in the total number of pages per volume, which will now exceed 1,000. This change reflects a steady increase in the number of high-quality manuscripts submitted to the Journal and consistently positive feedback about its evolution in recent years. Such development seems a far cry from the Journal's first year of publication, only a little over a decade ago. That volume consisted of a single 400-page issue. By 1993 the Journal had moved to four issues a year, totalling some 600 pages.

This change also follows fast on the heels of an earlier initiative to make the Journal's internet website (www.ejil.org) an integral part of the publication, thereby considerably expanding the opportunities for authors as well as the services provided to readers. We have also introduced a new books listing, which seeks to move beyond the traditional approach followed by other journals whereby only books which have been received by the editors are listed. Instead, we aim to provide a proactive service, which identifies forthcoming books from a very wide range of publishers and covers books of direct relevance published in fields other than international law.

As readers know, the Journal is now published only in English. While we retain a strong belief in the central importance of linguistic diversity to the continued flourishing of international law, our move to English is based on the fact that it enables us to reach the broadest possible readership, in view of the ever-growing number of Europeans and others for whom English is the principal second language. At the same time, however, we have sought to diminish the negative impact of this monolingualism by undertaking to review manuscripts in other major languages, in so far as we have the capacity to do so, and then publishing a translation of those manuscripts which are accepted. In addition, in the near future we plan to begin a service which will feature systematic reviews of books published in French, German, Italian and Spanish. This is in keeping with our vocation to provide European and pluralistic perspectives on the field of international law.

This issue also marks the inauguration of a new Editorial Advisory Board, consistent with the Editors' wish to promote a degree of rotation in the membership of the Advisory Board and to encourage new and innovative approaches to our work. We do not want these developments to be associated with any sense of complacency, however. We therefore warmly welcome all forms of feedback, including in particular suggestions for improving the content, the reach and the presentation of the Journal. You can write to us by mail or by clicking on 'Message to the Editors' on the <www.ejil.org> homepage.

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