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## *Editorial*

This is the last issue of the *EJIL* edited by Philip Alston, who has now joined our newly established group of Honorary Editors. Philip Alston was at the helm of the *EJIL* for over a decade and his achievements were singular. He is owed a huge debt of gratitude not only by the editors and staff of the *EJIL* but by its readers and the international law community as a whole.

I take over the position of Editor-in-Chief with fear and trembling. 'The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.' I would like to introduce the fountain of wisdom from which I will be seeking knowledge.

In addition to the evergreen Bruno Simma and Nino Cassese, the Board of Editors now includes Emmanuelle Jouannet, Orna Ben-Naftali and Francesco Francioni. Pierre-Marie Dupuy has joined Philip Alston in the emeritus ranks of our Honorary Board.

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