

From the Editor(s)

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I write this with a great sense of relief. First, I've finally gotten this, my last issue, out the door in spite of an unusually busy semester. Once again, those who needed to provide material for the *Journal* have come through with flying colors. Besides the always useful membership directory and a report on the fabulous IALL '95 conference, you'll find a couple of interesting and helpful columns, ranging from regional and conference news to how to set up your own World-Wide Web server. This issue also marks the first time we have combined the *IALL News Review* with the *Journal* to help save publication costs. Look here now for IALL news and happenings.

Second, as the time approached that we should be naming my successor (actually Marie Sheppard's successor), I was beginning to get a bit concerned that "acting" was going to change to "permanent." I've enjoyed being involved and helping out with the *Journal*, but you all (IALL, we all) need someone who has the time and skills to continue the tradition of quality we have established over the past five years. So when I was informed that Pete Smith had been named the new Editor-in-Chief of the *IALL Journal* I was both relieved and thrilled. Pete's experience and current involvement with the *Journal* will make the transition smoother. Look for continued good things under Pete's editorship.

And so, for now, adios... I'll let Pete pick up from here. See you all in Victoria!

—Read Gilgen

I am both delighted and honored to follow Read Gilgen and Marie Sheppard (and then Read, again!) as Editor-in-Chief of the *IALL Journal*. After nearly two years of working on the *Journal* Board, first with Marie and then with Read, I have

gained an immense respect for both of my predecessors and have seen the devotion and discipline it takes to carry out the Editor's task. Read has already been warned that he will likely receive more than a few panicked telephone calls asking for his advice in the coming months! In fact, Read's presence will continue at the *Journal*, as he assists in reviewing manuscripts with his experienced eye.

Over the past five years, Read and Marie have continually moved the *Journal* toward greater levels of professionalism and visibility in the academic world. These are both trends that will be the hallmark of my tenure at the *Journal* as well. IALL members clearly benefit from a journal that mixes the scholarly with the practical and this is also a balance I shall work to preserve and build upon. In my first column after the New Year, I hope to spell out in more detail some of the developments which all of IALL will see in the *Journal* in the coming year. ■

—Pete Smith