

EDITORIAL

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We are in the process of initiating some significant changes for CJNS/RCEN. As of this issue, each article is being refereed by Associate editors according to their special competence. In practice, this means that each article, story, or poem is read, accepted, or rejected by at least three persons (for example, yours truly just had one story rejected). However, in order to secure the Journal's future even better we are proposing to enlarge the Editorial Board by dividing it into two parts:

1) Editor and Associate Editors; those who read all submissions and who, in general, look after the production of the Journal; 2) Contributing Editors: an equally important group but whose role it is to contribute or induce other persons to contribute to the Journal on a regular basis. Minimum requirement: one submission per year.

Clearly, a journal should have a limited "production staff," because if a publication had to depend on twenty or more people across the continent before a major decision could be made it would never appear at all. Yet, at the same time, in order for it to prosper a journal requires the cooperation and active collaboration of many and a tiny handful of people would soon become inadequate. Therefore, if you have an interest in matters Netherlandic or if you know of someone who does, send in your/his/her name and plans for future submissions, and the name will go on the masthead. Of course, this is not a guarantee that whatever one sends in will be published (it is not true for my own work), but it does mean that CJNS/RCEN will continue to receive a steady flow of articles dealing with any and all aspects of "Neerlandia."

P.S. In this respect, it would be highly useful if all those who organize, or are about to organize conferences bearing directly or indirectly on Netherlandic studies, would inform us ahead of time. Also, they should tell their contributors of the existence of CJNS/RCEN and request that they submit their papers to us as well. For example, the papers of Messrs. Breugelmans, Atkinson, Kingstone and van den Hoven were first read at the Fall 1980 CAANS-Windsor Chapter Conference on Netherlandic Studies. What you see in this issue is the edited versions of their papers.

Motto: Keep us in mind and we will keep you in mind.