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Having started life 26 years ago as an eight-page quarterly sent to individual members, *Europhysics News* today enjoys an enlarged distribution and a new look following the cooperation with Springer. The move to a variety of rubriques continues under an expanded Editorial Board, helped by Division and Group correspondents to ensure that readers are kept abreast of the latest developments in physics. The Board will aim for about eight rubriques in each issue, some of which may not be repeated every time; roughly one-third of the editorial pages will feature technical items and highlights.

The Board is actively seeking contributors covering a wide range of non-technical topics. This issue's contributions on electronic publishing, donor agencies, a European education forum, and physics in the Czech Republic illustrate some of the opportunities for comment and opinion besides the all-important Letters to the Editor section, which the President (page 4) hopes will become a lively forum for critical discussion.

An important topic that receives little attention in this particular issue is physics and industry. While the President points out that it makes little sense to talk of physics for this and physics for that, a special rubrique will offer the opportunity to focus on issues relating to physicists working, and aiming to work, with and for industry.

The on-line *Europhysics News Extra* edition which, broadly speaking, contains most of the items published in *Europhysics News* backed up by secondary materials and links to other sources, continues as some readers clearly seek instant electronic access to well-structured, timely information, some of which is specialised and voluminous. A major effort will be made to use electronic publishing techniques to consolidate information presently gathered and redistributed by several organizations (lists of meetings, new books and conference proceedings are obvious targets). Another aim is to incorporate *ENE* into the increasingly sophisticated electronic services being offered by Springer, and indeed by most physics publishers and organizations (page 25).

Attention will be given more often to developments in various regions because, as the Presidents' meeting in Budapest illustrated (page 35), some parts of Europe have particular messages, for both internal circulation and dissemination elsewhere, which can best be passed by focussing information and news on a regional basis. Included within this perspective are developments in the European Union. With the increasing desire for physicists to seek a closer European integration (page 35) it is now wise to cover developments in Brussels from several perspectives, as on pages 27 and 34 giving reports on both more mundane, but useful, aspects as well as relatively esoteric political issues.

In the final analysis, it is readers who will have the last word about the need and format for more structured editorial (a readership survey is to be organized once the new production arrangements have settled down). From the impressum, they will also note that Springer now handles advertisements, production, subscriptions and distribution.

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