

Editorial

If this issue of *Archives and Manuscripts* has a theme, it is that the world of archives has no boundaries: with articles on subjects as varied as citizens' rights in the European Union, the brave new digital world, erotica, epidemiology, and hormone treatment for women, it is clear that archives are part of our daily and global lives.

Eric Ketelaar exhorts us to embrace the digital world – not to be content with mere replication of our traditional services via the Internet but to create new services – and introduces us to scrapbooking, 'Letters to the Future' and storytelling tables. European archivist, Paola Casini outlines the recent history of citizens' rights of access to European Union records and archives.

Two papers from the 2002 Conference 'Past Caring? What Does Society Expect of Archivists?' are also reprinted in this issue. Craig Brittain presents an answer to the question 'Who is documenting the sex industry?', asked at the National Scholarly Communications Forum Round Table in November 1999. With directness and humour, Brittain presents the ethical and moral dilemmas of 'finding a place for the archives of an industry that many people think has *no* place in respectable society'. Alison Venn writes of the ethical issues arising from use of medical records in epidemiological research in two case studies: cancer in women treated with fertility drugs and the long-term effects of hormone treatment to reduce the adult height of tall girls.

Ewan Maidment of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau who first started collecting and editing International Notes for the May 1995 issue of *Archives and Manuscripts* has passed on the job to Pat Jackson. We are all grateful for Ewan's persistent efforts to gather news from our neighbours over many years, but this will not mean the end of his contributions. In this issue he writes about Bob Langdon, the 'Indiana Jones' of archivists and foundation executive officer of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, who died recently, and also reports on the Pacific and Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives conference in Wellington in July this year.

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