

## EDITORIAL LETTER

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Number 6 of *Barcelona English Language and Literature Studies* is the last issue which the team which took on responsibility for the journal in 1988 have worked on: time for us to say goodbye, then, but the journal lives on. A new team has already been working for some months and plans for giving *BELLS* a boost in appearance and contents focus are well underway. Moreover, we are delighted to announce that Number 7 will be carrying papers read in the Woman's Studies section of the European Society for the Study of English Conference held in Bordeaux in September 1993. *BELLS* is honoured to have Marysa De Moor and Jane Moore, Coordinators of the section in Bordeaux, guest-editing the issue.

*BELLS* was launched at the conference of the Spanish Association for Anglo-American Studies (Asociación Española de Estudios Anglo-norteamericanos - ADEAN), held in Taragona in December 1989. Much water has run under our European bridges since then and some of them have come tumbling down as a consequence of the nightmare of war. A wall has been knocked down too though the removal of this obstacle to communication has not always been as enabling as was expected. We hope that forthcoming issues of *BELLS* will be published in a Europe of peace between peoples, one of mutual toleration and trust.

Our first two issues of *BELLS* constituted a *Festschrift* for Professor Doireann MacDermott, currently President of the European Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies, on the occasion of her retirement from university teaching. I should like to dedicate this last issue from the first team to Alex, David, Nacho, Paz and Santi, who have been arriving on this planet whilst their mothers have been busy with (certainly not beaten by) *BELLS*. Peals of welcome to them all! And inspired by the latest arrival: Que tinguim PAU per molts anys! / Que tengamos PAZ para muchos años! Here's to PEACE - and *BELLS* to ring it out with for years to come.

THE EDITOR

## **AGRAÏMENTS**

L'editora, la comissió editorial i la redacció de la revista BELLS volen expressar el seu agraïment a la Degana de la Facultat de Filologia, Dra. Esther Artigas pel seu suport econòmic. També volen manifestar el seu reconeixement a Ricardo Fernández Romero per la seva tasca d'informàtica que ha realitzat amb paciència i dedicació.