

Informe de la dirección de *Atlantis*

Report from the General Editor of Atlantis

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This first year, not yet completed, of my mandate as General Editor of Atlantis has been marked by a sense of consolidation. The achievements of my predecessor, Prof. José Antonio Álvarez Amorós, meant that the new team started work with the solid support of an established website and a fully-fledged Board of Referees which together enabled us to handle from the start the many and varied contributions that were arriving when I took over. I take this opportunity to thank the referees for their collaboration, dedication and good judgement. To use a different metaphor from that expressed in *Nexus* 2005.1, but equally valid, the referees are the backbone of a journal, and of this journal it is certainly true. In a journal as dynamic as is *Atlantis* both the regular flow of contributions and the growing interest in new sub-areas of research may still make for the necessary incorporation of a further specialist in a specific area. In this respect I am grateful to the relevant Advisors for their suggestions and proposals. I also wish to thank the anonymous and generous collaboration provided by those specialists, external to the Board of Referees, who filled the gap left by absences due to sick leave, travels or change of university affiliation.

Another inheritance that has proved to be invaluable is the scope and detail of the assessment forms, providing as they do a sound basis for evaluation. In particular, the comments and suggestions made for the improvement of an essay, review or interview have been appreciated by both our contributors and the editorial team.

It has been gratifying to note that the number of contributions submitted to *Atlantis* continues steadily on an almost daily basis. More unexpected has been the occasional failure of a paper sent by ordinary mail to reach its destination, with the consequent disruptive delays. As a safeguard, and also in order to speed up the evaluation process and to save costs, greater use is being made of the electronic system.

I would urge all those interested to avail themselves of the “Order & Review” project, particularly with a view to making known to our readers the most relevant titles from the major publishing houses in Anglo-American studies. Authors are likewise invited to send in a copy of their own original work to the General Editor or the Managing Editor, so that the book may be announced and a reviewer objectively assigned. Essential conditions are first, that the work is neither being nor has been published elsewhere, and second, that the work fits the aim and scope of *Atlantis* as expressed in the journal and in the Formal Guidelines.

I wish to end this report with my sincere thanks to the new Atlantis team: Marta Carretero (Managing Editor), Juan Rafael Zamorano Mansilla (Editor’s Assistant and maintainer of the website), and Jorge Arús Hita (Style Supervisor), for their unstinting efforts and enthusiasm; to José Antonio Álvarez Amorós for his unfailing support during the take-over; and to all our readers and contributors for their patience and collaboration.

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