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## **EDITORIAL - Volume 3**

Welcome to the third edition of the International Journal of Community Currency Research. This is a special volume containing two articles in French, one on local currencies in Germany by Dorothee Pierret and the other on LETS France by Smain Laacher. Whilst we are happy to make this small contribution to inclusivity by opening up the debate on community currencies to those who are not English-speaking, English is the predominant language of the Internet, and with this volume we are probably excluding a larger number of people than we are including. Thus, this will be a one-off.

Some delay in bringing this edition has been caused by the resignation of Mark Jackson, co-editor of the first two editions and Gill Seyfang, our web editorial assistant, both of whom worked hard to get the Journal off the ground. We wish them both well in their new pursuits.

I am delighted to have been asked by Colin Williams to step in as co-editor. It is an interesting challenge, and one I had no hesitation in accepting. I believe this is going to be a very exciting decade -- and century -- for the growth of the community currency movement. Tools for (re)building communities and combatting social exclusion are needed now as much as ever, and many imaginative community currency schemes are being "invented" all the time. I look forward very much to hearing from many of you and to making my contribution to the debate, as well as undertaking my own research at Leicester University.

Volume 4 of the Journal will be following along hot on the heels of this edition, and with it some further changes, so watch this space!

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