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Editorial: Celebrating Our Wood Anniversary

Jimmy Elwing and Aren Roukema

Five years ago, we published the inaugural issue of *Correspondences*, which makes this volume a celebration – our Wood anniversary. What a journey it has been. For those of you who are late to the party, let us recapitulate what we’ve been doing these past years.

As described in our first editorial,¹ the idea behind the journal came in 2012 when we were both working with a student journal at the University of Amsterdam. We saw space and need for a web-based, globally accessible, open access journal devoted to the academic study of Western esotericism, and formed *Correspondences* to fill that gap. After much hard work and many mistakes, we proudly presented the first issue during the summer of 2013.

Since then we’ve made many additions and adaptations: We welcomed Dr. Egil Asprem, already an active member of our Editorial Board, as our Reviews Editor; changed our publication model to allow advance versions that give researchers the opportunity to present new work much more quickly than non-web-based publication models; and added another member to the *Correspondences* family in Dr. Allan Johnson, who has been working diligently to improve the journal’s digital infrastructure. With Allan at the helm, we switched the journal’s management and publishing software to Open Journal Systems (OJS). Allan is also the hidden hand behind our Facebook and Twitter feeds (see facebook.com/correspondences and twitter.com/corrjournal).

And so came 2017. In this year’s volume we’re happy to bring you three excellent research articles: Wouter J. Hanegraaff provides an examination

1 Jimmy Elwing and Aren Roukema, “Editorial,” *Correspondences* 1, no. 1 (2013): 1–4.

of modern Theosophy and its practice of clairvoyance; James F. Lawrence performs a word history on the term *correspondentia* and tracks succeeding circles of the neologism's utility; and Julie Chajes details reincarnation as outlined in H.P. Blavatsky's writings. We're also excited to provide a review article on recent publications in the study of Satanism, penned by Ethan Doyle White. These articles, in addition to book reviews by František Novotný, Stanislav Panin, Justine M. Bakker, Jay Johnston and Julian Strube, form our anniversary volume.

To conclude this anniversary retrospective, we'd like to express our appreciation to all the authors, editorial board members, friends and colleagues without whom this journal would not have been possible. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to all the peer reviewers who have ensured the research quality of the articles considered for publication in *Correspondences*. Thank you for graciously giving of your time, expertise and energy.

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