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EDITORIAL

This is our last special number as editors of the journal sponsored by the E.C.P.R. and we would like to stress how satisfying it is to look down the list of authors and see teams composed of political scientists from various countries working together.

We would like to extend a special word of thanks to Dr. Karlheinz Reif who has been especially active in implementing and coordinating this cross-national research and to the Association Française de Sciences Politiques for the organization of a round-table on the rules of the game which brought together French-speaking specialists on the various European countries.

We have now edited the journal for almost five years and the time has come to hand over the charge to representatives from another part of Europe. The new editors, as from Volume 8, will be Professor Mogens Pedersen and Professor Derek Urwin. We wish them every success as editors.

We are convinced that they will have as much pleasure working with other political scientists as we have had and that they too will receive the warm and friendly cooperation from which we have benefited.

As we shall not include an editorial in our last issue (December 1980) we take this occasion to thank Jean Blondel of the Consortium for his unflagging support of the venture. Our last word is a tribute to the memory of Stein Rokkan, who read for us, wrote for us and generally upheld the cause of the journal.

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