Letter from the Editors

This is the last issue of 1998, the year in which both Andre Gunder Frank and David Landes tackled the important issue of what some call 'the European miracle'. *Itinerario* has provided a forum for discussion on these important works, which for this issue has resulted in a reply by Gunder Frank on a previous article by Peer Vries on *ReOrient*, and two articles on Landes' *The Wealth and Poverty of Nations*. Professor Landes has notified that he intends to respond to these articles, which means that the discussion will go on in *Itinerario* 1999/1.

Besides all this, we have a few interesting 'regular' articles, one on dependency theories by Bernecker and Fischer and one by Michael Adas on American colonial policies on the Philippines – the last article a result of our conference in the autumn on the American experience in Asia.

Last but not least we have the very first 'Annual Review of Dutch Expansion Studies' by Jaap de Moor, which replaces the Current Annotated Bibliography of Dutch Expansion Studies. The editors hope that this review will be followed by many in the years to come and will provide the reader with a critical view of what is happening in the field of Dutch expansion studies.

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Itinerario Conference

The Nature of Atlantic History

Friday 14 & Saturday 15 May 1999

at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS) Meijboomlaan I, 2242 PR Wassenaar, The Netherlands organized by the Institute for the History of European Expansion (IGEER) of Leiden University

Friday Session:

Pieter Emmer (Leiden University): Introduction David Hancock (University of Michigan at Ann Arbor): Self-Organization, Conversation and the Emergence of an Atlantic Market Economy, 1663-1807

David Eltis (Queen's University):

Pre-Nineteenth Century Atlantic History: An African Perspective

Deborah White (Rutgers University): Considerations on the Black Atlantic

Carla Rahn Phillips (University of Minnesota at Twin Cities): The Iberian Atlantic

> Wim Klooster (University of Southern Maine) & Pieter Emmer (Leiden University):

The Dutch Atlantic, 1600-1800: Expansion without Empire

Saturday Session:

Silvia Marzagalli (Université Michel de Montaigne-Bordeaux III): The French Atlantic

> Alison F. Games (Georgetown University): Teaching Atlantic History

Philip D. Morgan (William and Mary Quarterly):

Afterthoughts & Discussion

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