

Editorial: Philosophy – An Audit

Being international and inclusive is rightly accounted a philosophical virtue. For reason is implicitly universal, reaching out to all rational creatures. Any philosophy worthy of the name must be able to withstand scrutiny from whatever quarter, and must also be capable of casting its light anywhere and everywhere.

Against this background it might interest readers of *Philosophy* to learn that their journal is currently taken by 2761 subscribers. Of these 740 are members of The Royal Institute of Philosophy, who receive the journal as part of their membership, while 2021 are institutions.

Of the institutional subscribers, 131 are in the United Kingdom, 706 are in North America, 153 in South America, 278 are in Western Europe (excluding the UK), 214 are in Eastern Europe, 362 are in Asia, 127 are in Africa and the Middle East, and 50 are in Australasia.

We receive submissions, too, from all over the world, between 200 and 250 each year. In 2004, 29 of these were published as articles or discussions, 10 being from authors based in North America, 9 from British based philosophers, 4 from the rest of Europe and 6 from the rest of the world. In 2005, 29 submissions were also published, 11 from authors based in North America and 11 from Britain, with 5 from the rest of Europe and 2 from the rest of the world. In 2006 the figures were 28 contributions, 14 from this country, 13 from North America, and just 1 from the rest of the world. Whatever else, it will be clear from this survey that in our content we are not a narrowly chauvinistic publication, but welcome contributions from all over the world.

Readers of *Philosophy* will be aware of the quality of the contributions and of the eminence of many of our contributors. But they may well be heartened, as we are, to learn of *Philosophy*'s scope and reach. We hope to increase both in the future, and are currently in discussions with our publisher, the Cambridge University Press, as to how this might be achieved. We will report to our readers on our progress from time to time in our Notebook section.

