

## **Early Years: an international journal of research and development**

### **Report for TACTYC AGM: Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2006**

The most significant event for the journal in the year since the last AGM was Geva Blenkin's resignation, in March, from the post of editor after nearly fifteen years. Geva played a key role in the development of the journal and we are delighted that she will continue to contribute as a member of the editorial board.

We have recently contacted Pamela Oberhuemer, from the *Staatsinstitut Für Frühpädagogik* in Munich, to invite her to join us on the editorial team and we hope to be able to tell her that her appointment has been endorsed by the AGM. Pamela will help to continue the development of *Early Years* as an international journal, combining a UK background with extensive experience and contacts across Europe.

We will also be using the TACTYC website to invite members who are interested in joining us in the role of 'apprentice' editor to get in touch.

We were also sorry to lose Gunilla Lindqvist when ill health meant she was unable to remain on the editorial board but fortunately we were able to welcome Marjatta Kalliala, from the University of Helsinki to bring us back up to strength.

Since November 2005 we have received 44 papers, rejected 15, accepted 15 and have 14 still being processed. We had more copy than we could fit into the agreed page budget (which will remain the same for 2007) so we will be talking to T&F about increasing the size of each issue from 2008.

With three issues per year we are aiming to combine two 'hosted' issues (which usually contain about four-five papers from the host institution and one or two independently submitted papers) with one issue devoted entirely to independent papers.

26,3 came out in October, with papers from Australia and Hong Kong (following Laurie Makin's secondment to the Hong Kong Institute of Education). 27,1 will include papers from the University of Plymouth, 27,2 is also already filled with independently submitted papers and we are expecting papers from MMU for 27,3. In 2008 we will have a hosted issue with papers from Hong Kong, mainland China and Taiwan and we are hoping that Pamela will help us to identify a suitable host institution for an issue focussing on early years issues in the 'New European' countries of Eastern Europe.

The reviews section continues to provide excellent reviews of key books and other materials of interest to our readership and David Whitebread is actively pursuing potential reviewers based in non-UK countries.