

FROM THE EDITOR

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But not the end of GAGL. After an unprecedented long silence, it is now a great pleasure to present volume 45 of GAGL, and we are confident that the traditional pace of two volumes a year may be resumed.

As of volume 45, GAGL no longer appears in print. GAGL has always been a medium for the dissemination of preprints, produced as fast and as inexpensive as possible. Subscribers paid no more than production costs, and only after delivery. But payment and delivery will now no longer be necessary. Clearly, the fastest and least expensive way of producing working papers these days is by making content directly available in digital form on the world wide web.

Although GAGL has always had the modest objective of publishing working papers and preprints, serving a loyal readership throughout the years, it has not been entirely without impact. Several influential articles appeared in GAGL years before they saw the light in a legitimate journal or monograph series. We therefore felt that a common interest would be served if back issues of GAGL could also be made available in digital format on the internet.

I am very grateful to dr. Alex C. Klugkist, the University of Groningen librarian, and his team, for acknowledging GAGL's past impact and for their efforts in creating a repository making available to the scientific community at large the complete contents of GAGL from volume 18 (1981) on. This repository (<http://gagl.eldoc.ub.rug.nl>) is now the new home of GAGL where we intend to resume publication of GAGL volumes on a regular basis.

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