

Editorial Note

We are glad to present this new double issue of the *International Newsletter*. We hope that this issue shows that historical research about Comintern, Communism and Stalinism has considerably increased and that we are on the way to a true historisation of these phenomena.

We regret that it has not been possible to respect the east-european „graphie" concerning the special signs and letters for the transliteration, even some Portuguese signs could not be correctly reproduced. We beg your pardon.

Concerning the future articles of the *International Newsletter* we would like to ask our authors and manuscript-givers to give in any case the complete title of the source they are using or referring to (books, documents or whatsoever). Concerning archival materials it is not sufficient to give the archival number of the document in the footnotes but also the title and the date (If there is no title please indicate an auxiliary title in brackets). This is a standard we would like to respect especially because the *International Newsletter* gives a great importance to the new archival documents. This is important also because of the usual communication problems especially with our colleagues in Eastern Europe, which do not allow a quick correspondance in order to fill eventual gaps.

With this issue we opened some new „rubriques". We would like to ask our correspondents and users to send us regular informations including these new rubriques (regional studies), bibliography of interesting newspaper and weekly - articles or reports. Concerning the regional studies we will make some proposals in the next issue about what can be done (as an example) in this field. Please continue to send us your reports and informations about the ongoing research.

And finally, thank you all for the help and largely positive echo the *International Newsletter* found; but please be aware of the fact that we still need every new subscriber and that we have still a long way to go until we can cover the production costs.