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In this the seventh volume of this journal, I wish to briefly take stock of where community currencies have come from their origins. Examining the spread of community currencies throughout the world, there is little doubt that the community currencies movement has now shifted well beyond its original Anglophile borders. The landscape of the community currencies movement is now truly global and composed of a diverse array of different experiments.

As such, the need for a journal such as IJCCR, which brings together the academic and practitioner communities in order to take a reflexive look at what is happening and to try to learn from what is going on, is greater than ever before. Indeed, given the number of hits on this site, there does seem to be a fairly heavy demand for its contents.

May I also remind readers that there is a very active discussion forum now in place and attached to this journal. Although originally envisaged as a place in which the content of journal articles could be discussed, it seems to have taken on a life of its own and become one of the principal forums for the discussion of community currency issues. Indeed, each year, the traffic on this forum seems to increase significantly and the past year has been no exception. Although some may find discussions a little esoteric at times and even irrelevant to them, I urge you to bear with the discussion group. Since it has come into existence, I have found that it ebbs and flows so far as the content is concerned. Sometimes it becomes centrally relevant to one's interests; at other times it becomes less so. This, after all, is the nature of e-mail discussion groups. So do feel free to join and if the discussion is not on the subject in which you are particularly interested, then join in and ensure that it moves in that direction.

Turning to Volume 7 of IJCCR, we commence this volume with an article by a practitioner. Although it is very different from the usual array of more academic-style articles included in the journal, it is here included as a clear signal that the submission of papers to the journal is not limited to those who wish to write in the conventional academic manner. We welcome all submissions from both practitioners and academics working in the field and very much look forward to receiving your articles over the course of the year.

As a final comment, may I remind you to regularly visit the book review section. During the past two years, a significant number of books have been published on community currencies and the book review section of this journal offers one of the few comprehensive sources of information on what has been published in this field.

Welcome, therefore, to the 2003 volume and our celebration of seven years in existence.

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