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Editor

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *International Journal of Mormon Studies (IJMS)*. Traditionally an editor of a new academic journal justifies the need for further scholarly publications and of course this endeavour is no different.

The study of Mormonism, whether historical, theological, literary, sociological, anthropological, or political has grown over recent decades and become a diverse, even eclectic field of enquiry. Consequently a number of outlets have emerged that are synonymous with the publication of Mormon Studies, such as the handful of printed journals, formal associations with accompanying conferences or the 'blogs' or websites that are found on the Internet. While the *IJMS* takes nothing away from these resources, a more internationally focused publication is needed. It is therefore the intention of the *IJMS* to explore the international experience of Mormonism. We will look for submissions of interesting and important contributions from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

Published twice a year as an open access publication and limited print run peer-reviewed journal, *IJMS* encourages emerging and established authors to discuss issues of importance in their own disciplines. The peer review process will match knowledgeable reviewers with submitted manuscripts to produce high quality feedback and articles of interest. Our aim is that this journal will become a pre-eminent repository of knowledge for Mormonism in the international arena. This becomes poignant as scholarly associations increase in number and consider neglected areas of interest.

One such emergence is the *European Mormon Studies Association (EMSA)* founded in 2006 by three doctoral students, Ronan James Head, David M. Morris and Kim B. Östman. *EMSA* have raised the profile of European scholarship by sponsoring an annual conference

and an online presence including an informative website. This inaugural issue consists of a selection of papers presented as part of the *EMSA* 2007 conference in Worcester, England. Armand L. Mauss, who incidentally was the keynote speaker, addresses implications and issues of a “Second Harvest?” in Europe. Fred E. Woods reviews migration through Liverpool, while Warrick N. Kear revisits his doctoral thesis on an “LDS Sound World in the Twenty-First Century.” Ronald E. Bartholomew discusses “Patterns of Missionary Work and Emigration in Nineteenth-Century Buckinghamshire, England.” Kim B. Östman considers the regional impact of the recent open house and dedication of the Finnish LDS temple. David M. Morris concludes with the “Rhetoric of the Gathering and Zion 1831-1920.”

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the many individuals who contributed to making it possible to launch this journal. Particular thanks go to editorial board members and all the reviewers for their careful reviews to ensure the quality of the papers presented here. We are also grateful to the authors for their responsiveness to the final manuscript preparation.