

Editorial

e-Perimtron was designed from the beginning as an open and free web journal dedicated mainly, but not exclusively, to the sciences and technologies which accompany and support the study of history of cartography, maps and mapmaking. A basic principle, as it is underlined in the journal's [aims](#) is that *e-Perimtron* should remain pluralist '...not obeying any particular ideological, theoretical or methodological approach in dealing with humanistic, artistic, scientific and technological issues related to map history and cartographic heritage'. This is the reason why the journal accepts to publish contributions on topics which may become sometimes subject of animated controversy and hard talking within the international cartographic community, as it is e.g. the recent case of the Chinese maps treated in a 'note' in this *e-Perimtron* issue. Needless to say that the journal is equally open to any opposite point of view on the issue provided the fulfillment of the principle of 'savoir faire' in expressing contrary views.

Another problem which is faced by this journal, mainly due to the almost total absence of funding (remember that *e-Perimtron* is a free-accessed and sponsor-free journal), is its actual limitation in assuring proper linguistic editing. As it is explained in *e-Perimtron* regulations about [text processing](#) '...in principle it is the author's responsibility to take good care of the English or French language quality'. This care is not always resultful and this explains some linguistic shortcomings which are apparent in papers coming from non-English and non-French speaking contributors. We count thus, on the kind tolerance of the English and French speaking readers!

Last, but not least, the Editors are pleased to notice that according to the available data and the relevant web links to *e-Perimtron* address the journal is listed in 83 web sites internationally (November 2006), mainly of university libraries and research institutions. The origin and numbers of these links to *e-Perimtron* by country are shown in the following list:

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