

Editorial

The past years have witnessed a steady growth in the number of papers submitted to Science Studies, and while the journal is running well, making it run well has become increasingly taxing for the chief editors. For this reason we have this autumn successfully experimented with and will formalize from 2010 onwards a new editorial arrangement, which consists of a co-ordinating editor and a team of 5-7 editors selected from different sub-specialities within the field science and technology studies. A roughly similar arrangement is used in several other journals. In our model the co-ordinating editor flags and assigns submitted papers that are then adopted by one of the editors who then takes care of the paper until its rejection or final acceptance. We have been glad to observe that this not only spreads the burden of reviewing and pre-screening of papers but also makes editing more enjoyable as each editor can focus more closely on his or her areas of best expertise and interest and that there is a small community

within which we can exchange opinions and experience.

The team we have presently formed consists of Dos. Sampsa Hyysalo (co-ordinating editor), Dr. Mervi Hasu, Dr. Hannu Hänninen, Dr. Tarja Knuuttila, Dr. Antti Pelkonen, Dr. Aaro Tupasela. Dr. Janne Lehenkari continues as book review editor and Ms Stephanie Freeman as assistant editor. There is a possibility to extend this team during the spring 2010 and as we aim at 2-3 year terms at the time so vacant editor positions will become available in the future. Indeed, one of the reasons for opting for a somewhat larger number of editors was to lower the threshold for internationalizing the edition of Science Studies, after all, over 90% of our papers and reviewers come from outside Finland.

Even though we both continue editing for Science Studies, our roles change somewhat after this reform.

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