Editorial

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Welcome to the first issue of the *JBI* for 2009. My first editorial task in this issue is to extend, on behalf of the Board and the Committee, an expression of our deep thanks and appreciation to Rachel Ankeny, one of the longest serving members of the Board. Rachel has stepped down from her position as Associate Editor, Feminist Bioethics due to other commitments and her presence will be missed. Rachel has been a core contributor to the journal, both in shaping its vision and actively fulfilling her responsibilities as Associate Editor, since the first issue of the *JBI*. We wish her every success and we sincerely hope to see her work in the pages of the *JBI* in the future.

At the same time that we thank Rachel for her dedicated contribution over the years, we are pleased to announce the addition of Dr Catherine Mills as our new Associate Editor, Bio-politics and Critical Bioethics. Catherine has a strong vision for the role she can play in encouraging submissions in these areas and we extend a warm welcome to her in joining the *JBI*.

In this issue two key long-term initiatives of the Editorial Board and the Editorial Committee noted in the previous editorial have now been instituted. This

is the first issue in which a regular Reviews section appears, and we encourage our readers to consider contributing reviews of books, film and documentaries in coming issues.

This is also the first issue in which we present a thematic Symposium. Prof. Alan Petersen of Monash University, Melbourne edits a symposium on nanotechnologies, which includes papers that represent some of the most current thinking and emerging issues around the social effects of nanotechnologies. We have great hopes of the symposium section becoming an exciting addition to the regular contributions to the journal and look forward to our next scheduled symposium, on end-of-life issues, which will appear in 6(3). We welcome proposals for symposia from interested editors and guidelines for submissions can be obtained either from the Editor-in-Chief or the Managing Editor.

Finally, we alert readers that we have the pleasure of presenting a special issue in 6(2) on *Ethics and Infectious Disease: Limiting Liberty in Contexts of Contagion*, co-edited by Michael Selgelid, Angela McLean, Julian Savulescu and Nim Pathy.

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