

Editorial

*What has been steering the publishing of **Cognitio** is the upholding of the high quality of its contents and presentation, a commitment that is exponentially enhanced by its growing national and international prestige. Born out of the need to provide a medium in the area of classic and contemporary pragmatism in our intellectual environment, it fed initially almost exclusively on research works undertaken by the Center for Studies on Pragmatism of the Program of Graduate Studies in Philosophy of the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, and the articles presented during the International Meetings on Pragmatism held since 1998.*

*The natural evolution of **Cognitio**, published in Brazil and abroad, and its growing recognition as a prime journal in its field, heightened its strictness in the acceptance and selection of papers, requiring also a broadening of the advisory board responsible for reading and approving articles submitted for publication. Evidently, the indispensable care for quality that this growth has merited has, from the very first issue, demanded an increasingly outstanding publishing effort.*

*In light of these comments, it must be stressed that, notwithstanding **Cognitio**'s many papers derived from the International Meetings on Pragmatism, the acceptance of these texts by a specific committee of the event's organizing body does not imply, as could be expected, their automatic approval for publication in the journal. Quite the contrary, they are again submitted to **Cognitio**'s specific approval criteria which encompass, partially and fundamentally, the opinions of the advisory board.*

*Throughout the various issues of **Cognitio** we have emphasized that pragmatism, although comprising a specific field of studies, keeps an intense and deep dialogue with the tradition of philosophical ideas. Indeed, by acknowledging in such a historic vein the most classical problems that still flows through the theoretical body of many authors, and by preserving the integrity and diversity of these problems, pragmatism often deepens and complexifies them. It must be acknowledged that such complexification could not occur if philosophical reflection closes itself in upon itself - on the contrary, it must be open to a continuous evolution of ideas in their most diverse areas of knowledge.*

*The reader will find such complexity and diversity in this issue of **Cognitio**. Similar to those that came before, it brings papers presented in the last International Meeting on Pragmatism, a meeting that, on November 2007, celebrated the momentous anniversary marking ten consecutive years of the event, plus other papers from spontaneous national and international submissions.*

*The journey through the themes and their authors is described by Professor André de Tienne on the jacket of this issue, with the talent and linguistic verve that habitually permeate his texts. It would be redundant for the reader if we attempted to strive toward the same end. Rather, we prefer, as regards this issue, to emphasize that the debate on pragmatism in the Brazilian and international academic environment today can no longer forgo the contribution provided by **Cognitio**, as spontaneously remarked by many researchers interested in its thematic content. This is also corroborated by the fact that the world's most renowned specialists offer some of their most significant unpublished works for insertion in our journal. To the growing*

*responsibility that all this entails is added a legitimate feeling of satisfaction, rewarding the painstaking and continuous effort of keeping **Cognitio** alive and increasingly better.*

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