

Editor's Foreword

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Welcome to the second issue of the first volume of *ISIT*.

It is a measure of the success of the launch earlier this year, held at the sixth biennial conference of the European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS) in Münster, Germany, and the palpable scholarly interest in the field that we have had to push the boundaries of our publishing agreement to deliver larger-than-anticipated first issues! The richness—including size—of the first issue included a substantial round-table exploring the field of intercultural theology along with four substantive articles on allied topics and an introductory paper from my fellow editor, Nelly van Doorn-Harder. As you will have seen from the preceding front matter, Henry Jansen heads the team as the Managing Editor. We are settling into our roles. For this issue my tasks have been comparatively light. Associate Editor, Professor Marianne Moyaert, early on stepped up to the challenge of pulling together a themed issue on the subject of “Interrituality.” This is a relatively new, but also a very distinctive and exciting field of investigation, reflection, and theorizing. If you have not encountered it heretofore, then this issue of *Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology* (ISIT) is for you!

Moyaert's article not only maps the field, she introduces the six scholars and their articles that delve into the field and bring it very much alive and into focus. Professor Sheryl Kajawa-Holbrook was invited to pen a responsive article. However space consideration has meant that this has been held over to the first issue of Volume 2. Together with, hopefully, some germane book reviews this will enable a scholarly conversation—or at least scholarly exposure—of interrulturality to continue over at least two issues of the journal.

The first volume of ISIT has set the scene for the future: we have combined general publication with special focussed themes. We look forward to continuing on both fronts as we are receiving already good numbers of unsolicited articles and intimations of further thematic foci. For the moment, we are greatly indebted to the persistence and hard work of Marianne Moyaert in bringing you this themed issue. Now, read on ...