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A Message from the President

Dear members,

I write from a very hot Tübingen. It seems that the summer here is becoming similar to the hot and humid Japanese summer.

Since the last issue of the Bulletin we have heard good news from the Japan Foundation. The Foundation has approved our application for the last year of support for the Office, which is operating very efficiently in the capable hands of Per Larsen, our new Council Assistant in Marburg. We are very grateful for this expression of confidence in the activities of the EAJS. In the meanwhile the moving of the office from Munich to Marburg has been completed and the new website of our association is in preparation.

In order to lend transparency to the results of our own work and that of the worldwide network of our association, we have started to edit our website. This is one way in which EAJS makes its voice heard in the debate on cultural and academic policy in Europe connected to Japan. The first version, our new framework, will be ready very soon. Please continue to criticize and guide the work and effort of the Council team.

It is a pleasure to inform you all that the Toshiba International Foundation again has decided to allocate funds to the EAJS for three scholarships for European graduate students. This will undoubtedly be very good news for graduate students needing to travel to Japan for their research, and we are very grateful to the foundation for their generosity. The method of application is in this Bulletin and will be posted on the website shortly. The decision about which candidates to select will be made by the Council

With warmest greetings to you all,

Viktoria Eschbach-Szabo
Tübingen, June 2006
