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From the Managing Editor

EDITORIAL

Readers will notice a distinctly international and comparative flavour in this last issue of the second year of the *Review's* life. This is a consequence of the highly successful NCVO International Charity Law Conference held at Royal Holloway College, Egham, Surrey on 16th and 17th September. No less than three of the papers delivered at that Conference appear in this issue, although Francesca Quint's contribution on "The Rationale for Charity Law" is home grown and home slanted. More will appear in future issues. For good measure Harry Kidd's article on "The Treaty of Rome and Competition in the Voluntary Sector" adds a European perspective in the important area of competition. Blake Bromley, an overseas correspondent of this *Review* (now joined by a squad of further overseas correspondents) ruminates on the direction which "the third sector" will take in his contribution "Exporting Civil Society: Confessions of a 'Foreign Legal Expert'". The theme of the competition between the common law notions of charity and those of civil law systems is neatly contrasted in Dr S Bhoushan Domah's consideration of "The Charitable Trust in English, French and Mauritian Law". That theme is one which, in due course, it is hoped to illustrate further by reference to the comparative experiences of charity lawyers in Quebec and the other provinces of Canada.

This diet of internationalism is not exclusive. And domestic questions have not neglected. Lee Sheridan, a master in the field of *cy-près*, has studied the decision of the Charity Commissioners concerning three pictures owned by Royal Holloway and Bedford New College. Jeremy Callman, a Chancery barrister, takes a fresh look at public benefit and the personal nexus in educational trusts in his article "Avoiding Being Personal".

The two most recent reported cases in this country are also in the field of education and Debra Morris of the newly established Charity Unit at the Faculty of Law of the University of Liverpool analyses *Marchant v Onslow*, a case on the Reverter of Sites Act 1987, and *Gunning v Buckfast Abbey Trustees Registered* which concerns standing to sue in charity actions in her ambiguously titled contribution "Education Matters".

Finally, I should repeat that articles long or short on charity law or practice are most welcome for consideration, as are suggestions for areas of charity law or practice to be covered.

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