

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion

In January 2006 the *Faraday Institute for Science and Religion* will start its activities based at St. Edmund's College, Cambridge, supported by a generous grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The aims of the Institute are four-fold: first, to carry out scholarly research in the area of science and religion, including the organisation of invited groups of experts to write joint publications; second, to provide novel short-term courses in science and religion that will impact the international scientific community; third, to organise seminars and lectures on science and religion; and fourth, to provide accurate information on science and religion for the international media and wider public. The group of scholars based at St. Edmund's College will be linked to cohorts of Faraday Associates, based mainly within the European scientific community. It is hoped that many readers of this journal will take advantage of the short courses to be provided by the Institute.

The Faraday Institute will have close links with *Science & Christian Belief*. Its first Director will be Denis Alexander, Articles Editor for the journal. The Associate Director will be Bob White FRS, for a long time on our Editorial Board, and another Editorial Board member, Sir Brian Heap FRS, will be Chairman of the Faraday Advisory Board. But perhaps most significant for the future welfare of the journal will be the appointment of a Marketing and Events Manager who will spend much of their time in the marketing and development of this journal. For too long our circulation has remained relatively stationary, and marketing will be directed towards increased international circulation, to libraries, individuals and the memberships of professional groups. If you have any contacts or ideas that would help in journal circulation or development, then please do not hesitate to send them to the Editor at dra24@hermes.cam.ac.uk.

The astute observer who is reading this Issue of the journal in its printed form rather than e-version may have noticed that its length is a bulky 144 pages rather than the usual 96 pages (although the last Issue was increased to 112 pages). This effectively means that you are receiving 50% more for your money on this Issue than normal. The reason is simple: we currently have far more good peer-reviewed material accepted for publication than can be published in two Issues per year of 96 pages each. This is an excellent problem for any journal Editors to have, but financially presents a challenge as the extra pages have to be paid for, whilst maintaining subscription rates low. We trust that you find this bumper Issue useful and informative, and the Editors would be grateful for any designated gifts that you would like to send for journal expenses. This will help in keeping the journal accessible to its present wide international readership.