EDITORS' NOTE

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We think the website of *Beiträge* is an improvement of the service for all present readers and might also help to enlarge the readership of the Journal in the future. We all know that nothing is perfect and everything (particularly new things) can be improved. The Editorial Office of *Beiträge* would be grateful for any suggestions regarding improvement of the website.

We as Editors would like to take this opportunity to assure our readers that, despite this “great technical achievement”, the journal will keep to some “old-fashioned” traditions. For example, the peer-review process is maintained as it is and also the printed issue of *Beiträge* will be send to you in the usual way.

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