



Editorial

## A transition for IEP

Publication of this first issue of 2008 marks the retirement of Donald M. Lamberton as Coordinating Editor of *Information Economics and Policy*. Don was instrumental in the founding of IEP in 1983 and has provided continuous editorial service ever since. His official role began as a Supervisory Editor in 1983 along with Roger Noll (Coordinating Editor), Ronald Braeutigam, Hiroshi Inose, John McCall, Michael Spence, Jean Voge and Christian von Weizsacker. After a period from 1989 to 1995 when IEP was the official journal of the International Telecommunications Society, Don became Coordinating Editor, a role that he filled with ability and distinction until his retirement at the end of 2007.

We emphasize that this brief note no more marks the end of Don's remarkable academic career than did the publication in 1999 of *Information and Organization: A Tribute to the Work of Don Lamberton*, edited by Stuart MacDonald and John Nightingale (North-Holland). More than 30 scholars besides Don, including many of the most accomplished economists in the field, built upon Don's classic works in the economics of information and knowledge with their contributions to this volume. Yet Don has followed that honor with a continuing stream of published articles and edited books, including *The Economics of Language* (Edward Elgar, 2002), and *Globalization, Employment and Quality of Life* (I.B. Tauris/The Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research, 2002). In addition to his research, Don is General Editor of *Prometheus* (Routledge/Taylor & Francis), and he actively supervises graduate students at Queensland University of Technology, Australian National University, and Murdoch University.

Three or four years ago, under Don's leadership, IEP began repositioning from a prevailing focus on the economics and regulation of telecommunications networks into the production, distribution, and use of information more broadly, including economics of the telecommunications, mass media, and other information industries; the economics of innovation; intellectual property; the role of information in economic development; and the role of information and IT in the functioning of markets. As the four principal editors now charged with IEP's future, we endeavor to continue on this path and invite your contributions.

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