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EDITORS' NOTE

Dear reader,

The present issue of *Studies in Communication Sciences*, marks two important changes in the life of our journal.

The first impacts directly on the organization of the journal's contents and should be apparent from browsing through its pages.

From now on, each issue of *SComS* will include an extensive Thematic Section, hosting a series of papers covering together a particular research area within communication sciences. This change in the organization of the contents aims at focusing more systematically on some complex issues emerging at the forefront of research in various areas of communication sciences without losing sight of the broader interdisciplinary landscape of communication sciences.

Both the general and the thematic sections aim to fulfill our mission of establishing an interdisciplinary forum for communication scholars, within the distinctively comprehensive conception of communication sciences that emerged in former issues of our journal.

The papers and the discussion fora in the general section emphasize the breadth of the spectrum of disciplines and approaches covered as well as the concern for an innovative interdisciplinary dialogue.

The second change concerns the people working behind the scenes of *SComS*. Peter Schulz, who took care of running the journal from its inception, has left the post of executive editor to move to new research challenges and responsibilities in the field of health care communication research. He will remain, however, as an active member of the editorial board, while the task of running the journal will be taken up by a new executive editor, Andrea Rocci.

This is the time, for me and for the editorial board, to thank professor Schulz for the impressive work he has done for this journal during the first three years of its life and, at the same time, to wish to the new executive editor good luck for the challenges that lie ahead.

Eddo Rigotti

(Editor in Chief)