

SPECIAL FOREWORD

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When the *Common Market Law Review* was set up, in 1963, it was as a joint activity of the Europa Instituut of Leiden University and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London. In the early years, the Review had two Editors, one from the Europa Instituut and one from the British Institute. The first British Editor was Dennis Thompson. In 1967 his post was taken over by Kenneth Simmonds. As the Editorial Board was expanded in later years, up to its present size of six Editors, Kenneth Simmonds always remained a member. However, recently, an ever-increasing workload has started to make it difficult for him to participate actively in the editorial work of the Review. For that reason he finally decided to follow Claus-Dieter Ehlermann in moving from the Editorial Board to the Advisory Board of the Review. Reluctantly we let him go. With his sound opinions, his clear and excellent knowledge of international affairs, his specializations in the Caribbean and in the relationship between the Community and the developing world and his wide contacts in the United Kingdom, he was a most valuable Editor for the Review. His support can ill be spared.

We want to thank him for all these years of active support and for making the *Common Market Law Review* what it is at present. Kenneth Simmonds is one of that élite band of English academic lawyers who followed European Community matters long before Britain joined the Community, and he has never lost his enthusiasm for the European ideal. He is an influential bridgemaker between opinion-formers in the

common law and Community law worlds. On a personal level we would like to mention our respect for his intellectual authority. In addition to his scholarly contributions, we have treasured his enlivening presence at our meetings, his wit, his skill as a raconteur, his warmth and the feeling he conveyed that among his very many international activities and commitments, the Review was particularly dear to him. As he will remain on the Advisory Board, we hope that he will permit us to make further use of his knowledge in this capacity. For the last twenty-four years, Kenneth Simmonds has been integral part of and a true friend of this Review.

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