from the editors

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This issue introduces two innovations:

- highlighting the feature section pages in order to more clearly separate theme from non-theme articles
- a Speaker’s Corner: an opportunity for iconoclasts to ask difficult questions and puncture assumptions. Please contact us if you would like to step up to the soapbox and put your case.

Many thanks to all of you who returned our readership survey questionnaire. Your input has been extremely useful – and we were touched by your enthusiastic endorsements. As promised, we have drawn ‘out of the hat’ the name of a lucky winner: Refugee Resettlement Support of Christchurch, New Zealand. Congratulations! The books are already in the post to you! We will report survey results online and in FMR21.

FMR 21 (due out in September) will include a feature section on the return and reintegration of IDPs, to be produced in collaboration with OCHA’s Internal Displacement Unit and UNDP’s Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery. FMR 22’s feature theme will be education in emergencies and reconstruction and will be produced in partnership with UNESCO’s International Institute for Educational Planning and the Norwegian Refugee Council (see p53 for call for papers). Calls for papers for forthcoming issues are posted on our website at www.fmreview.org/forthcoming.htm

For those of you with fast Internet access, FMR is now searchable by keyword and by author – go to http://fmo.qeh.ox.ac.uk/fmo. Many thanks to our colleagues at Forced Migration Online.

FMR is still seriously short of funds and the future of the Arabic and Spanish editions remains in doubt. Many thanks to UNHCR, Christian Aid and the Feinstein International Famine Center (Tufts University) for easing our financial worries. Perhaps other agencies could follow their lead? Every little bit counts if we are to continue sending around 7,000 copies of FMR in three languages to readers in over 150 countries.

With best wishes

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