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Dear authors and readers of the International Newsletter,

Please forgive our long silence due to completed and new research projects by members of the editorial team. Since inquiries about the current state and future of the International Newsletter continue to reach us, we deem it important to give you a short status update before the year reaches its end.

Firstly, as many of you have noticed, the Newsletter's website currently suffers from deficiencies, which is due to an incompatibility between our old content management system and a new server setup. We are currently working on a completely new, up-to-date website for the Newsletter, which will be on par with the current state of academic e-publishing and, most importantly, will allow links to single contributions. This is the reason why we decided not to repair the old website. However, it is not completely broken: If you scroll past the error messages, you will find the user menu and the download links for archived issues at the bottom of the page. As soon as the new website is launched, we will let you know.

Secondly, our ongoing research projects have prevented us to complete the INCS 2014 Online edition. We apologise to the authors who have sent us their contributions and were expecting a quicker publication. However, these contributions are by no means "lost": In mid-2015, we will publish the International Newsletter double issue (2014/2015), where we will include all the contributions for the 2014 issue, as well as new contributions and a double-size bibliography covering publications from both 2013 and 2014.

If you want to contribute to the 2014/2015 issue, be it with an article, a project presentation, an informational item on new publications or archival holdings, or new titles for the bibliography, please send us your contributions before ***30 APRIL 2015***. 2015 will see the anniversaries of the Zimmerwald conference and of the first waves of mass resistance against World War 1, providing good occasions for scholarly contributions.

In 2015, we would also like to organise a meeting for our editors and contributors to discuss how to improve the International Newsletter and to ensure its continuation. A good occasion for this will be provided by the 1st International Willi Münzenberg Congress, held in Berlin on 17-19 September 2015 (see CfP at <<http://www.munzenbergforum.de/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/CfP-muenzenbergcongress2015.pdf>>). We will keep you informed - however, you are very welcome to get in touch with us if you would like to participate.

We would like to wish you a peaceful festive season and good luck with your scholarly endeavours.

With very best wishes,

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