

FOREWORD

From the time when the idea of a body such as ISFAR became a reality and then over the years to the present, our Institute has been graced with the interest, encouragement and assistance of France's diplomatic and consular representatives in Australia. In fact, many issues of *Explorations* have depended and will depend upon the many riches of "The Consul's Treasure" (see article by our Founding Director, Professor Colin Nettelbeck, in *Explorations* No. 7, December 1988). While consuls change, the spirit behind that initiative remains, and it is thus that we are grateful to M. Rollon Mouchel-Blaisot, Consul General for France in Victoria, for allowing us to publish his Opening Speech at the Festival de Cannes Fiftieth Anniversary Retrospective in Adelaide.

The Consul General's speech fits well with the rest of this issue, which has become a *de facto* tribute to the multifarious activities of Jean-Paul and Monique Delamotte in furthering the cause of French-Australian relations. Jean-Paul has had extensive experience at a high level in the French film industry and has acquired a great knowledge and developed a great love of Australian cinema, but that is only one part of the sorts of cultural reciprocity that he has done so much to foster as well as to express creatively.

We are most grateful to him for permission to reprint the two pieces from his *Signe de vie* 2 (Newcastle, 1975) and to Professor K. R. Dutton, Director of the Hartley Bequest Program, for permission to reprint a slightly abridged version of Dr Jean-Paul Delamotte, AM, *Reciprocity: An Address Delivered by the Inaugural Kelver Hartley Fellow 1997* (The University of Newcastle, Australia, 1997).

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