

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the forty-second number of *The Wellsian: The Journal of the H. G. Wells Society*. The articles presented to the reader's attention approach Wells from varied conceptual perspectives: critique of everyday life, media and disability studies. Their authors highlight the linkages between Wells's concerns with the dynamism of his utopia, advertising in capitalist society, and social convention, on the one hand, and present-day debates surrounding activism, consumerism, and normativity, on the other. In the 'Notes and Queries', the reader will find Wells's newly discovered piece on the theory of evolution. We owe this discovery to Lisa M. Lane, who has kindly transcribed it for the journal. This year's *Wellsian* contains seven book reviews of the materials originally published between 2010 and 2018. Some of the items listed in the bibliography have been provided by Patrick Parrinder and Simon J. James, for which I thank them.

Following successful evaluation, *The Wellsian* will be included in Scopus, a major academic indexing database with worldwide visibility and outreach. The process will begin effectively at the end of 2019, in addition to our existing agreements with EBSCOhost and ERIH PLUS. Back numbers of the journal have been made available at: <http://community.dur.ac.uk/time.machine/OJS/index.php/Wellsian/issue/archive>. Curated by Simon J. James, this free archive features all materials published in our journal, following a three-year lapse after publication.

The Wellsian welcomes article submissions of 4-8,000 words on any aspect of H. G. Wells's life and work, book reviews, and academically engaged commentaries of up to 4,000 words that may be featured in the 'Notes and Queries' section. These can be forwarded to our editorial email address throughout the year. Further information about the journal may be found at: <http://hgwellssociety.com/wellsian/>

I wish you a pleasant and stimulating reading.

Maxim Shadurski