

Preface

For a long time we have been thinking about giving our family-magazine a bit **more colour**. We have finally succeeded, though the beginning is only very humble, since we have restricted ourselves for the time being to the cover of *Somsen Horizon*.

It really required some calculations of Ada (our treasurer) because just see this:

Every year we have a budget of about f 5000 (200 supporters x f 25) and the major part of this goes to the production and mailing of four editions of our magazine: two in Dutch and two in English.

Actually a completely coloured edition is not feasible.

Yet Ada gave us the green light, and why?

Well, quite a number of you are so pleased with the existence and the continued existence of our family foundation that they contribute quite voluntarily a higher fee every year than they are expected to pay.

Because of these extra revenues you may be looking forward to a coloured cover in any case! Of course we would like to publish more coloured pages, but in that case the annual contribution would have to be raised.

As such this is not unreasonable if we consider that the annual contribution has not been changed for four years since we started in 1998.

The board will consider this matter in the coming year, but first we would like you to enjoy this coloured edition.

We would like to hear from you how you feel about this.

What I would certainly not want to forget is to thank all the *extra supporters very, very much!*

On behalf of the Board
Theo Somsen

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resting to read. In these stories the present and the past meet.

Just tell your story for instance about your interesting hobby, about your attractive job, about a part of the Somsen-history, about your small or great talents, about your interesting journey, or...

A great variety of information is bound to be unknown in our big Somsen family. Just write it down for us. And if you should not succeed so very well, just call us or send us an e-mail and we will gladly write it down for you so that the beautiful stories will become known to all of us.

One family highly esteemed: we can certainly achieve something. That is what others believe as well, we are very special with our bilingual magazine, we are *connected world-wide through name, book and magazine.*

(The italicised text is from the brochure of the Somsen Foundation.)

From now we are looking forward to your stories.

All the addresses and telephone numbers, etc. can be found on page 2.

Gree van Daatselaar-Somsen [53]
editor

JUST TELL US...

The editorial staff of Somsen Horizon would like to get in touch with family members who would like to contribute to our magazine.

Jasper, Joost, Cora, Arnold, Janna and Wim tell their stories in the following pages. It is very inte-