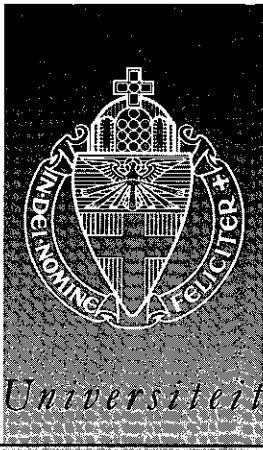


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Dear George,

First and foremost, the very best wishes for the New Year. As you know, for some years now we have been engaged in Message System research of Dutch television programmes. The first analysis took place in 1980 and was executed by Harry Bouwman and myself. At the moment we are analyzing a sample prime time television aired in 1990. Once again, I am involved in the project namely as advisor to drs. Theo Bors, a promising PhD-candidate, who as "assistant in training" is employed by the University to do the research.

Throughout the years, we have gradually adjusted the concepts you developed for American television, to what we consider to be equivalents for the Dutch programming context. However, we realize that in order to remain within the same theoretical paradigm, it is essential for reasons of compatibility and continuity that a comparison and, if necessary, a readjustment take place between the original concepts and those which we have formulated.

It would be extremely helpful to Mr. Bors if he could spend some time at Annenberg and experience first hand how you and your co-workers deal with particular aspects of the cultural indicators research. For example, he is very interested in how coders are selected and trained but such a period would also give him the opportunity to compare and check the conceptual adaptations I mentioned earlier.

Please let me know if such a visit is possible and which period is most convenient for you to receive him at Annenberg, that is: when he can speak with the major researchers and if possible see the work in progress. An ideal time would be when there is a new training for coders going on. If you could let me know in the near future what the possibilities are, we can start making the necessary arrangements at this end. We have an opportunity to get him a travel-grant from the

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Dutch Foundation for Fundamental Research if we can arrange a trip, visiting several places. So I am sending this same letter to Nancy Signorielli and Michael Morgan, so that they may see him as well. I also sent a copy of the letter to Larry Gross. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



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Nijmegen, may 1994.

Dear mr. Gerbner,

In the summer of 1995 Professor James Stappers will retire from his position at the University of Nijmegen in the Department of Communication. As many of you know, James Stappers was present during the early and turbulent period in the Netherlands when the study of communication became recognized as a scientific discipline. Moreover, during the course of his career he has worked toward expansion of, and empirical investigation within, the field of mass communication.

As a token of recognition for this work and congruent with receipt of the title professor emeritus, the Department of Communication at the University of Nijmegen plans to present James Stappers with a collection of essays in his honor, a "Liber Amicorum." Contributions are being solicited from a large group of colleagues, working both in the Netherlands and abroad. The book serves as an opportunity to reflect on the institutionalization of the study of communication, as well as on recent and anticipated future developments related to mass communication as a field of study.

During the past half century the field of communication has emerged as a recognized scientific discipline, both in North America and Europe. The scientific and social orientation of the discipline, however, has not always been constant. Where attention was originally directed toward assumed media effects, now - as a result of both American and European contributions - attention is directed toward a variety of aspects of the communication process. During the past few decades, in particular, there has been growing concern for communication, media, culture and society as an intertwined totality.

Considering this - admittedly sweeping - overview and noting the areas in which James Stappers has made contributions, the editors of the proposed Liber Amicorum have chosen as working title for the project

"Communication, Culture and Community."

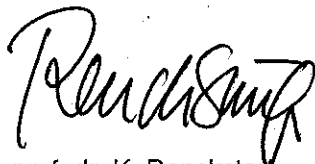
In keeping with James Stappers' international orientation, contributions to the volume will be published in any of three languages - English, German and Dutch - the choice of language being left to the respective authors.

The editorial board would like to invite you, along with the colleagues noted in the attached list, to participate in this project through contribution of a chapter (max. 3500 words or 12-15 pages A4). You are requested to attend to the general theme of the volume and the working title. In addition, a letter of intent is attached to this letter. The contribution can take the form of any number of approaches: presentation of recent empirical research; reflective essay, theoretical contribution. The contributions may be based on current research or already existing work; original contributions are, of course, most welcome.

We would appreciate receiving indication of your intention to participate in this project by July 1, 1994. The contributions are to be submitted in draft form no later than October 1, 1994. The editors will react as quickly as possible after receipt of submissions so that final versions of manuscripts can be submitted by December 15th. The publication date of the volume is set for June 1, 1995.

Karsten Renckstorf, Ed Hollander and Paul Rutten are serving as editors of the project "Liber Amicorum James Stappers." Coen van der Linden is assisting with coordination and administrative support.


Yours sincerely,



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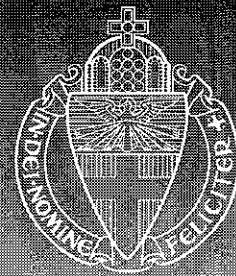
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Dear sir,

Your message has been received. Your contribution is highly appreciated. Please mail your contribution (print and floppy) to the address that is specified in the letter you received earlier. The deadline for your contribution is October 15, 1994. Again, we are very pleased with your positive reaction to the Liber Amicorum.

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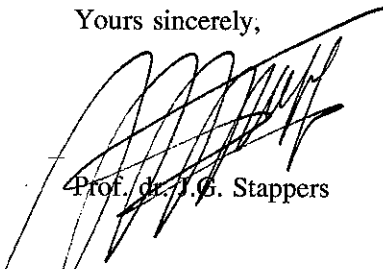
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Dear Colleagues,

Two weeks ago, I met Bob White, not accidentally, but still unexpectedly, in Prague. He told me that his part in the book on Modern Approaches to Mass Communications Research, both as series editor (a.o. if necessary to improve the english of non-native speaking authors) and as author of one of the chapters (that needed shortening) had been delayed as a resultat of his moving from London to Rome, and some other misfortunes. That nevertheless, he still thought the book should come out (and more important perhaps, Stephen Barr of Sage thought so too), that not too much has been changed in the time between. He concluded that in this fall he had the necessary time and he would start on it with much speed. I can conclude that he probably will have finished by now, and we will soon see.

I thought I should let you know, so your surprise will not be too big.

Yours sincerely,



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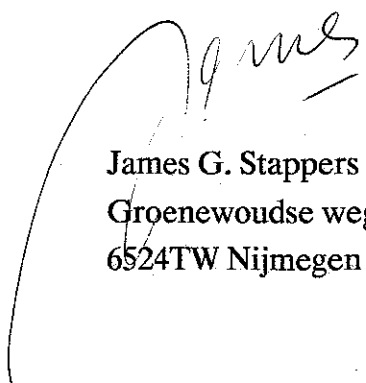
Prof. Dr. G. Gerbner

Dear George,

The Liber Amicorum I received at the occasion of my valedictory lecture was not a complete surprise, for some events have long shadows before them. It was more of an expected surprise, if I may add a new paradox to the ones mentioned in aforesaid lecture. But form and proportions were unexpected. Therefore I now feel honoured and flattered with this collection of contributions by colleagues, friends and former students (not three different categories), and I am very glad to have received it. Of course I looked it through, but now that I am on the point of seriously studying its contents I would like to thank you for your part in it. I also would like to thank you for many other evidence of collegiality that I received over the years. In the more than 35 years that I worked at the University I have always was very much oriented towards the world outside of my own country. First, because the relative newness made it if not necessary, than certainly advisable. You were among the first, ever since Dallas Smythe advised me to contact you, and have always been much help, by what you did for me, and by what you wrote in general. Later I had so many good friends and colleagues, that it was a quite different kind of need that kept me in touch with them. Please be ensured that I will carefully study what you wrote. For now I want to thank you for the fact that you did so.

I hope we will meet again soon on some occasion,

Yours gratefully,



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