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The call for papers on “Erasmian Science. The influence on Early-Modern science of Erasmus of Rotterdam and his legacy”, that we have issued in collaboration with the Max-Planck Institute for the History of Science, has had fairly good results and the special issue of the Journal dedicated to this theme will appear as the second one of this year.

The success of the Call has encouraged us to undertake another one, that will be issued in September, on a quite different matter (it will be titled: Gastronomie et révolution). It is, in a way, a reprise of themes that were present in the very first issue of the Journal. A small committee of Italian and French scholars will join us and we shall try and find an innovative and collaborative formula.

We inaugurate in this issue a new kind of contribution, the Research Reports, in which we shall invite young scholars to discuss a research in interdisciplinary history of ideas that they have conducted and the problems and solutions they have found in its course. As the readers of our Journal already know, an on-going activity of methodological reflection has been organised since 2010 by our Interdisciplinary Group in History of Ideas (http://www.gisi.unito.it) at the University of Turin, Italy. It comprehends annual meetings of young Italian researchers—with different historiographical backgrounds and diverse objects of study—on the methodology of interdisciplinary history of ideas and intellectual history. From these seminars have been issued the six contributions that have recently appeared in the journal History of European Ideas under the common title “Interdisciplinarity and the History of Ideas”. After the 2013 meeting we asked Elena Alessiato to put her intervention in writing, and now we are able to present it as, we hope, the first in a long series.

Finally, we are considering to accompany the Journal with a blog. Wait for more news in the Fall.