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This issue of Volume 37 warrants an explanatory note from the editors.

The last number of *Informal Logic*, Vol. 37, No. 3, was devoted to a discussion by five scholars of various aspects of Harald Wohlrapp's book, *The Concept of Argument*, detailing its innovative features and exploring some of the questions raised by his account. In this issue, we are pleased to provide Professor Wohlrapp's extensive responses to those papers. He here elaborates further on the approach he takes to the study of argument, clarifying a number of points that were raised and replying to objections.

In September of 2017 the University of Windsor launched its new interdisciplinary PhD program in Argumentation Studies. It marked the occasion with an inaugural lecture by Frans H. van Eemeren, the founding professor of the famed doctoral program in argumentation at the University of Amsterdam and co-originator of the pragma-dialectical theory of argumentation. We are delighted to be able to publish a slightly revised version of that lecture, "Argumentation Theory and Argumentative Practices: A Vital but Complex Relationship." In this article, Professor van Eemeren details the development of pragma-dialectics from the early years through to its current theoretical robustness, which allows its practical application in identifying prototypical argumentative patterns.

With the third article in this issue we return to our regular refereed fare. Adam Dalglish, Patrick Girard, and Maree J. Davies of the University of Auckland review feminist critiques of the "Critical Thinking" initiative and in "Critical Thinking, Bias, and Feminist Philosophy: Building a Better Framework through Collaboration." offer advice aimed at improving critical thinking methods in light of those critiques.