Dear colleagues:

The editorial board of ZEITSCHRIFT SCHREIBEN would like to announce the start of an academic online journal on writing, which aims for readers especially in the German-speaking regions of Europe (Austria, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Germany, as well as parts of Belgium and Northern Italy). The journal will be published mostly in German, but will also include an international section in English.

As the subtitle of the journal (WRITING IN SECONDARY SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING) suggests, the bridging of the different phases in education through writing is in the center of attention. With the journal, the following three questions shall be pondered:

- 1) What do teachers in the academic disciplines, writing instructors, writing center staff, and administrators need to know about writing theory and practice in order to provide a strong incentive for learners to continuously improve their skills as writers throughout their education?
- 2)
 How should these key players for writing education collaborate to make writing a top priority in each educational institution?
- 3) What do we need to understand better about the process of writing in general and the interplay of producing texts and learning about academic subjects in specific in order to enhance the quality of writing instruction and the facilitation of writers?

We would like to use the first year of the existence of this journal to introduce current trends in writing instruction in the German-speaking countries as well as internationally. We would also like to raise questions about what should be at stake in the near future in our professional endeavor in order to meet the needs of learners in radically changing writing cultures across the world.

If you are interested in submitting an article for the online journal, please send your manuscript at any time to braeuer@ph-freiburg.de. We will forward all articles anonymously to two colleagues of our Editorial Board for blind review. Afterwards you will receive acceptance information including possible suggestions for revision. Finally, your article will appear at www.zeitschrift-schreiben.eu.

At the journal's website mentioned above you can also contribute at any time to our weblog discussion, which is currently focusing on issues of high school writing center development and writing curricula in teacher education. Please feel free to initiate additional topics.

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