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Alessandro Bausi (until now Associate Professor at the Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”) has accepted the call for W3 Professur (Full Professorship) for Äthiopistik (Ethiopian Studies) at Hamburg University. Thus on 1 September 2009 the vacancy that has lasted for over five years and has had negative effects in particular in the academic teaching area will be over. As for research activities, they have been provisionally carried out by the retired Professor on a voluntary basis.

Bausi (born 1963) studied Latin and Greek philology, general and Semitic linguistics and Ethiopic languages at the University of Florence. He was awarded doctorate degree at the Istituto Universitario Orientale of Naples in 1992 for his dissertation “Il Senodos etiopico: edizione critica e traduzione dei testi pseudoapostolici inediti”. In 1994 he became “Ricercatore” (Assistant Professor) at the same University and in 2002 followed the call to Associate Professor. His teaching experience has stretched for over 15 years; he has published six monographs/text editions, edited three volumes, and authored over 50 articles published in various journals and collections as well as 19 reviews and review articles. His research interests lie mainly in philology, including digital philology, text criticism and manuscript studies.

Concerning research the new Professor at Hamburg University is expected to primarily engage himself in editing the *ENCYCLOPAEDIA AETHIOPICA* and the *AETHIOPICA* journal, supervising the long-term federal cataloguing project *Katalogisierung der orientalischen Handschriften in Deutschland*, with the focus on Ethiopic, Christian Arabic and Coptic manuscripts, as well as steering the freshly launched network “*Comparative Oriental Manuscript Studies*”.

The editor and the editorial team of the *AETHIOPICA* journal congratulate Alessandro Bausi and wish him success in all his endeavours.

Denis Nosnitsin receives a grant of the European Research Council

Denis Nosnitsin (researcher at the Research Unit Ethiopian Studies, Hamburg University) has been among this year’s awardees of the ERC Starting Independent Researcher’s Grant. The award of € 1,740,000 will allow Denis Nosnitsin to establish a research group to work on the project entitled