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Editorial

On 14 November 2006, Wolf Leslau celebrates his 100th birthday. On this occasion the editors and authors would like to dedicate the current issue of the journal *Aethiopica* (9, 2006) to the grand maître of our field. By his life-work Wolf Leslau has set milestones for Ethiopian studies in general, and Ethio-Semitic linguistics in particular. No scholar or student today can work in these fields without his dictionaries, grammar books and text editions. Leslau has served the academic world for many decades, having erected a lasting monument for himself by his everlasting energy and indefatigable dedication. His kind personality, engaging manners as well as the cooperation skills he revealed in his dealings with African colleagues have been his distinctive mark. The fundamental works his efforts have produced will stay with us for many decades to come. We heartily congratulate Wolf Leslau on his anniversary and wish him blissful and healthy years to come.

The popularity of the journal has resulted in a participation of authors so active that issue 9 is already “bursting at the seams”. The publishing house has agreed to add another quire to the journal in the future without raising the price. I am taking the chance to thank the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft whose additional financial support, especially in these times of general funding shortage, makes the publication possible.

We hope for understanding of those authors whose reviews and review articles will have to appear in issue 10 (2007) for the reasons of lack of space. I would like to use the opportunity to underline that we expect the reviews to be kept brief, as otherwise they can not be published.

For editorial reasons, starting with the coming year the section “Recent publications” will change its focus: in the future we will concentrate on presenting relevant journals and collections only, neglecting the rather irregularly announced “other publications”.

Siegbert Uhlig