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Now that the exhausting war between Ethiopia and Eritrea is over, we are full of hope that also as far as scholarly life is concerned the former rivals will find a way to normal relations and friendly cooperation. We look forward to seeing representatives of both countries at the same international conferences, publishing in the same journals and, hopefully, even launching joint research and/or publication projects. AETHIOPICA is understood, in fact and practice, as the journal of Eritrean and Ethiopian studies, which consciously offers itself as a forum to scholars from both countries.

The issue you are holding in your hands was compiled in honour of a scholar who has devoted his entire life's work to the Ethio-Eritrean cultural region, and whose 75th birthday the entire community of scholars of Eritrean and Ethiopian studies is going to celebrate on December 3, 2002 – **Richard Keir Pethick Pankhurst**. His research interests spanning from ancient to modern history, from anthropology to the arts, from foreign relations to the economy, have enabled him to enrich the scholarly community with fundamental works in all these and many other fields – works without which Eritrean and Ethiopian studies today would be unthinkable. For this reason the editor, the board of co-editors and the editorial team felt it incumbent upon ourselves to honour our incredibly versatile colleague. We would also like, on behalf of the entire international community of scholars, to extend our congratulations to him and wish him many more creative and prolific years.

The present volume contains a continuation of the *Register of International Scholars* by Bairu Tafla, which is to serve as an addendum and corrigendum to the list first published in AETHIOPICA 3 (2000), pp. 166-187. As the address list in the hands of the AETHIOPICA team was in many cases out-of-date, the call for registration remained unanswered in a number of cases. We expect that the need to revise and expand the list will continue in the future. Therefore we would like to use this opportunity to appeal once again to scholars dealing with traditional Eritrean-Ethiopian studies to initiate a registry entry by contacting Prof. Bairu Tafla either by regular mail or by e-mail at b_tafla@uni-hamburg.de.

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