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November 27–28, 1999, at Munich (Germany): The human image in the changes of basic rights

The two-day symposium under the theme *Das Menschenbild im Wandel der Grundrechte* [= “The human image in the changes of basic rights”] was organized by colleagues in the Institut für Rechtsphilosophie und Rechtsinformatik of Ludwig-Maximilian-University in honour of Prof. Dr. h.c. Heinrich Scholler who had turned 70 in August. Participants were colleagues and students of his university as well as scholars of law, history, politics and anthropology from various universities in Germany, Greece, Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mongolia, Taiwan and the United States — in most of which the honorand had worked at one time or another. Around 20 papers were presented on this occasion, a quarter of which were directly related to Ethiopian studies. The contributions will be published in a monograph bearing the same title as the symposium.

Bairu Tafla

January 11–17, 2000, at Asmāra (Eritrea): Against All Odds: African Languages and Literatures into the 21st Century — An International Conference and Festival

The conference, which attracted about 700 participants from all continents, was officially opened with the speeches of a member of the organizing committee, the President of the State of Eritrea, members of the presiding chairs (Ama Ata Aidoo, Mbulelo Mzamane, Nawal El Saadawi, Ngugi wa Thiong’o) as well as distin-