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Aethiopica, the title first used sixty years ago by Sylvain Grébaud, is the name chosen for this new journal of Ethiopian Studies. The first article in our journal (by Joseph Tubiana) [p. 7-26] describes the structure and aims of the first **Aethiopica**. If philology and history take pride of place, nevertheless articles on art, religion, literature, linguistics, palaeography, archaeology and ethnology will also be published. **Aethiopica** will include research reports, bibliographical information, reviews, obituaries and conference reports as well as other information of general interest (such as current projects). For these areas, the journal will depend primarily on ideas from its readers.

Aethiopica (Aeth) is seen as a supplement to **Aethiopistische Forschungen**; it will both accommodate shorter contributions and serve as a forum for discussion and information.

A team of colleagues (Bairu Tafla, Hilke Meyer-Bahlburg and Veronika Six together with the editor) will take decisions concerning the publication of contributions. In special cases, the advice of a member of the international academic board will be sought. Articles in English are preferred; contributions in German, French and Italian will be published together with a summary in English. After lengthy discussions, we have agreed on a simple transliteration system for **Aethiopica** (see inside back cover). We do not insist on adherence to it as long as the alternative system is reasonable and is consistently applied.

For financial reasons, we request the submission of contributions including reviews or short reports, on floppy discs (ASCII files are appreciated) and in a printed version. Tables for diacritical and Oriental signs can be requested from the editor or found in the Internet (e-mail address: Aethiopica@rrz.uni-hamburg.de). At the same time the Internet-address serves as a "notice-board" to ensure communication of information and inquiries to the journal (e.g. "Sought RSE, No. 1", or: "Research assistant for two years to be employed beginning on April 1 1999"; example see page 288).

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