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Editorial

The present issue of AETHIOPICA is again sadly marked by the obituaries of two most eminent scholars in Ethiopian Studies and co-editors of the Hamburg *Encyclopaedia Aethiopica*, namely Gideon Goldenberg and Donald Crummey. Their passing away was only briefly announced in the Editorial of the previous issue of the journal. Also sad is the passing away of Amsalu Aklilu, who is also commemorated in this issue as a scholar and as a regretted teacher at Hamburg University.

In the course of the year 2014 and for the preparation of the present issue, Susanne Hummel has flanked and then replaced in the editorial team of AETHIOPICA Angela Müller, who has resigned for private reasons. Angela Müller, in cooperation with Thomas Rave, has been engaged since the very beginning of her work in the editorial team in 2011 in an intense and profound restructuring of all the phases of the editorial process, including the retrieval and online publication of all previous issues and the setting up of a hybrid publication mode, namely on paper and additionally online with a gradually decreasing publication and free-access embargo delay. Having had the opportunity and the pleasure to work with Angela Müller not only for AETHIOPICA, but also on other matters, I would like to express hereby to her the most sincere and grateful thanks of the editorial board and of myself in particular for the huge work she has carried out as well as my warmest welcome and the best wishes for a good start to Susanne Hummel, who has so enthusiastically accepted to take over the task.

Any attempt at improvement comes at a price, including the time that a thorough and accurate editorial process requires. Some authors do not seem willing to wait, as evidenced by the case of an article submitted to our journal and scheduled for this issue that the author has decided to print elsewhere at the last moment, without informing AETHIOPICA. All this notwithstanding, AETHIOPICA does not intend to modify its editorial policy.

I remind the reader that as in the previous volume a list of “Bibliographical abbreviations” is introduced which is generally valid for every contribution in the current volume.

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