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Editorial

The editor and the team of the journal dedicate its current issue to the esteemed colleague ULRICH BRAUKÄMPER who turned 65 on 1 January 2009 and retired from the Institut für Ethnologie of Göttingen University at the end of September 2009. His expertise has considerably broadened the journal's academic scope. We would like to thank him and to express our hopes for further close co-operation.

We are also grateful to STEFAN WENINGER for the active part he has taken in the work of the editorial team in the years 2004–2008. His contribution in the fields of languages and literatures was particularly stimulating.

A member of the board of the journal since three years, ALESSANDRO BAUSI has accepted the call for Professur für Äthiopistik (Full Professor of Ethiopian Studies) at Hamburg University. He will start teaching and researching in Hamburg and join the editorial activities of the Research Unit Ethiopian Studies beginning with the winter semester 2009/10. I wish him success for his new task and the work in the editorial board.

The lack of space in the journal has induced us to react with introducing several changes:

As announced (s. Editorial vol. 11, 2008), the conference reports are only published online under <http://www1.uni-hamburg.de/AETHIOPICA/>.

The same website will also host scholarly discussions that may emerge after publication of reviews and review articles (an exception in this volume: response of ELISABETH BIASIO to the Review of ANAÏS WION, pp. 299–301).

The current issue contains obituaries for five colleagues. From now on the *Aethiopia Newsletter* will be used more extensively for this category of texts, and those Ethiopians whose contribution was predominantly in the field of culture will be commemorated there. AETHIOPICA will be reserved to scholars in the narrower sense of the word. Obituaries for Merid Wolde Aregay and Hussein Ahmed could not be accommodated in the current issue and will be published in volume 13 (2010).

Readers interested in receiving the AETHIOPICA Newsletter can subscribe by registering online at <https://mailman.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/mailman/listinfo/aethiopia.newsletter>.

I would like to repeat my appeal to the authors of reviews and review articles to follow the length requirements closely – these contributions may not be postponed for space reasons as it is essential that they appear short time after the works under review.

Siegbert Uhlig

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