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## Editorial

The present issue of AETHIOPICA is half-monographic, with a substantial section containing the proceedings of the Panel on Manuscript Studies from the '18<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies', held in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, on October 29–November 2, 2012. The proceedings of a further panel are in preparation for a supplement to the journal.

It is my pleasant duty to extend a warm welcome to Alessandro Gori, most outstanding scholar on Islam in the Horn of Africa from Copenhagen University, who has accepted to join the international board of AETHIOPICA starting from the past issue 17 (2014).

Sad news marked also this year, with the passing away of Sven Rubenson, Paul Trevor William Baxter, Andrzej Zaborski, and Donald Nathan Levine. Particularly sad to the Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies at Hamburg University was the so untimely death of our colleague and friend Gianfranco Fiaccadori, who has been for more than ten years a more than familiar presence to all of us.

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