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I. LETTER FROM THE NEW EDITORS

Donald Messerschmidt, who has diligently put out this Bulletin single-handedly and in less than ideal circumstances since 1975, is planning on engaging in development activities in Nepal over the next few years and will no longer be able to edit the Bulletin. We wish to convey our gratitude to him for this service to the association, a feeling shared, we are sure, by the membership at large. This issue is as well largely the result of his efforts. We have agreed to edit the Bulletin for the next two years and hope that all of you who have been regular contributors to the Bulletin under Donald Messerschmidt's tenure will continue to submit materials for publication regularly.

We plan on retaining the contents of the Bulletin as they have been in the past. We are, however, contemplating changes and encourage your suggestions. We see the Bulletin as having two primary foci: first, as a source of current information of interest to the membership, and second, as a substantive review of scholarship, research, and other work in the Himalayan area of Asia. With this in mind, we are considering, within the present practice of publishing three issues a year, to devote two issues, one in the Fall and one in the Spring, to news of the association, current news on relevant activities, notes on research, information on conferences, news of publications, and other timely information on activities and interests of the membership; the third issue each year would concentrate on more substantive reviews, articles, abstract and reports. We welcome your views on these editorial proposals. Any changes to the Bulletin, though, are of course subject to our limited budget.

We are also trying to put our membership and subscription lists in order and have enclosed a brief questionnaire in this issue asking for updated addresses and brief descriptions of key interests and activities in reference to Nepal and other Himalayan regions. We plan on publishing a complete listing of the membership in the Fall issue of the Bulletin. We also are encouraging you, in the context of the expanding field of Himalayan studies, to inform your colleagues and associates, who may not be members, of our existence.

The Bulletin will be published for the next two years out of the South Asia Program at Cornell University. We thank the South Asia Program and Cornell University for their institutional, financial, and clerical support in the publication of the Bulletin.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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