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The present issue of AETHIOPICA is dedicated to Sven Rubenson, who celebrated his ninetieth birthday in 2011. Bairu Tafla duly celebrates Sven Rubenson as a man and scholar by including a memorandum and a detailed bibliography, unfortunately impossible to print in the previous issue for technical reasons.

As announced, a first set of previous AETHIOPICA issues have been digitally retrieved and made freely available online as of 2011 thanks to the financial support of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and the cooperation with Hamburg University Press. This was only possible thanks to the intensive work of the editorial team and therefore I would like to express the editorial board's gratitude to Angela Müller and Thomas Rave once more. As usual, current and all previous issues are available in printed form on sale from Harrassowitz Verlag at a very reasonable price. The editorial board would like to express the warmest appreciation to both publishers for the effective cooperation.

Englising of the present issue has been undertaken by Natalie Tines in cooperation with the editorial team. On this occasion, the editors would like to express their deepest appreciation to David L. Appleyard, who so generously and patiently undertook the same, often thankless and ungrateful, revision task, also carried out before him by Arthur K. Irvine. To the regretted latter, an obituary is dedicated in this issue by the same David L. Appleyard.

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. As for the past issues, conference reports and announcements are made available online at: journals.sub.uni-hamburg.de/aethiopia or <http://www1.uni-hamburg.de/AETHIOPICA/>.

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