

Editorial

The first issue of the *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research* was published in Spring 1991 at the South Asia Institute in Heidelberg, in the Federal Republic of Germany. It ran to twenty-nine pages, and in their introductory editorial Richard Burghart, András Höfer and Martin Gaenszle wrote that they had offered to produce the *Bulletin* "over a trial period of two years on the understanding that we would retire with dignity at the end of that period, should the interest and commitment of a sufficient number of scholars prove illusory."

Twelve years – one *yuga* – later, the EBHR has returned to the South Asia Institute at Heidelberg, and it has clearly come of age. It is truly international, being published from Heidelberg, Paris and London on a rotating basis. The quality of its articles and reviews has steadily improved, and it has earned an international reputation. In short, the interest and commitment of scholars around the world has been more than sufficient to maintain its dignity, and that of its editors.

Nevertheless, at least one of its original goals remains but partially fulfilled. The first editorial expressed the hope that the *Bulletin* would be a forum for scholarship from throughout the Himalayas and not just Nepal, and indeed over the years it has published material from the entire Himalayan region. Still, Himalayan areas outside of Nepal remain under-represented in its pages, and so we encourage our readers to submit scholarly articles, reports, and book reviews from all parts of the Himalayas for publication.

The quality and usefulness of the *Bulletin* will keep improving so long as the pool of contributors continues to expand, and for this we need more subscribers. So please, renew your own subscription, and encourage your colleagues and students (and your institutional libraries) to subscribe as well. With your help, the *Bulletin's Tretayuga* can be every bit as positive as its *Satyayuga*.

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