

A Few Introductory Words

The present volume of *Folia Orientalia* is a collection of articles gathered by Professor Tomasz Polański, the current editor-in-chief, who has recently retired. Thanks to his conscientious work over the course of seven consecutive years, subsequent volumes of *Folia Orientalia* were published every year, for which we are grateful to him. Now the time has come to choose a new editor-in-chief, and during the interregnum we, the undersigned, have decided to complete the already commenced edition of volumes 57 and 58.

For future volumes we invite authors who have already published their research and review articles here as well as new contributors. Completing Professor Polański's work and presenting it in this journal, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the authors who contributed to the volume, and to all the assessors of the articles who kindly agreed to evaluate the papers.

The volume, as intended by Professor Polański, is dedicated to Dr Czesław Szrednicki (born 1927), a member of the Commission of Oriental Studies of the Polish Academy Sciences (Kraków Branch), who passed away in May 2020.

The late Dr Szrednicki was one of the first to enrol in the Department of Oriental Philology at the Jagiellonian University, when it reopened after World War II (in 1945). Although he later obtained a doctorate in law and economics and worked as a lawyer for a technical institution, he never abandoned his passion for Oriental studies. For many years, he participated in the activities of the Commission of Oriental Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Kraków Branch) and supported it with his wise advice and experience.

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