NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS

The European Bulletin of Himalayan Research welcomes for consideration manuscripts and short notices dealing with any of the following topics.

1. Reports on ongoing, or recently completed, research projects.
2. Information about archives with literary, historical, archaeological, ethnographic, botanical, etc. materials collected in the Himalayan region.
3. Reviews of books on the Himalayas, including books published in Nepal, India, Pakistan and China which because of poor distribution may be inadequately known in Europe.
4. Current political developments in Nepal, India, Pakistan and China and the implications of these developments for research carried out by European scholars.
5. News about recent or forthcoming conferences, and on funding opportunities for European scholars working in the Himalayas as well as for scholars from the Himalayan region itself to visit Europe.

Manuscripts should not exceed 5,000 words in length. All contributions will be published in English. Copy can be submitted in German or French with the understanding that the editors in Heidelberg will arrange for its translation. Anything submitted in English by a non-native speaker will be copy-edited in Heidelberg by a native speaker.

The deadline for submissions for our second issue is 30th September 1991. Anything received after that date will go into the third issue, expected in Spring, 1992.

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At the final session of the CNRS-DFG conference on the History and Anthropology of Nepal, held at Arc-et-Senans in June of last year, several participants suggested that European scholars, actively engaged in Himalayan studies, get together to produce a bulletin that would keep us informed of current research and research opportunities in our field.

Given the inter-disciplinary nature of our work, it was decided not to exclude any particular field of study: be it from the humanities, social sciences or natural sciences. It was further agreed, after some discussion, that the regional scope of the bulletin should not be restricted to Nepal, but should include the lands and peoples of the entire Himalayas. By Himalayas is understood: Hindukush, Ladakh, Kashmir, northwestern India, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Assam, northeastern India and southern Tibet. Finally it was decided that the bulletin ought to be published in English, as this is the most common second language of scholars, not only in Europe but also in the Himalayan region itself.

As for the content of the proposed bulletin, the participants suggested a number of topics they wished to see regularly featured:

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5. News about forthcoming conferences, research grants, new funding opportunities in post-1992 Europe, etc.

The representatives of the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg offered to produce such a 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. Two sorts of commitment are required: first, we need contributions on the above-mentioned topics which merit publication; second, we need the financial support of our readership. Although we will try to make the bulletin a success, it is obvious that the success of this venture will largely be determined by the active support of everyone concerned.

Our plan then is as follows. We shall bring out two issues per year -- one in early spring, the other in early autumn. The present number, our very first, is being sent to all persons known to us who are interested in Himalayan research (and in this we acknowledge the help of Michael Hutt, Gérard Toffin and others who have provided us with mailing lists of scholars from their respective