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## Editorial

With the present issue of the JIABS the term of the hitherto Editor-in-chief, Donald S. LOPEZ, Jr., comes to an end and that of the new incoming editors begins. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Lopez sincerely for his excellent editorial work and genuine dedication over the past four years. The JIABS will continue to pursue the same course that Professor Lopez and the Editorial Board charted: to publish scholarly articles pertaining to all facets of Buddhist Studies. We may note, however, one difference relative to previous practice, namely, that articles can now also be submitted in French or German, provided an English summary is included. Guidelines for contributors figure at the back of this volume. Abstracts of the articles published in JIABS from number 20.2 on will be available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.unil.ch/orient>.

Finally, we would like to offer, at this point in time, the Association's warm thanks to Professor Flora BOTTON of El Colegio de México, who so ably hosted the XIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies. The XIIth Congress, which will take place in Lausanne, Aug. 23-28, 1999, will thus be able to build on the foundation of a very successful predecessor. Maṅgalam.

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