

Editorial

The first volume of "Studies in Historical Anthropology" was published in 2001. The present issue of the second volume has been delayed for four years due to the illness and eventual death of Prof. Andrzej Wierciński who had co-founded this journal and defined its programme. In spite of this great loss we have decided to continue the work.

Four years is a long time in the history of a scientific journal and it will be not an easy task to fill this gap without avoiding joint numeration of volumes. Besides the present one, we intend to publish two other special volumes for the years 2003 and 2004, the first one containing the reports on human remains from pre-pottery Neolithic site Nemrik 9 and some other Near Eastern archaeological sites, and the second one with the papers and essays dedicated to the memory of late Professor Wierciński by His friends and colleagues. We shall return to regular annual issuing with the volume 5:2005, although it will not be published before the middle of 2006.

This second volume of SHA contains the seven papers presented during the symposium ANT-10 "Physical Anthropology of the Americas" organised in honour of Professor Wierciński as part of the 50th International Congress of Americanists (ICA) at Warsaw University on 13-14 July, 2000. The hosts and chairmen of this meeting were Dr. Karol Piasecki (Warsaw University, Poland) and Dr. Douglas Ubelaker (The Smithsonian Institution, USA). According to the official programme of the symposium, its participants had delivered twelve talks, but not all of them were sent for publication. Since the official languages of the Congress were English and Spanish, the present volume includes, exceptionally, papers written in both languages.

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