

Editorial

With this issue of the *Anthropos*, the journal reaches its 100th year of publication. This is reason enough to rejoice and is also an occasion to celebrate. *Anthropos* – the first issue appeared in March 1906 – survived two world wars. From the beginning until now, *Anthropos* was blessed with good, competent authors, which has resulted in the worldwide reputation this journal of anthropology and linguistics enjoys.

Anthropos is a journal which covers all regions of the earth and all of the fields of anthropology. Its pages are open to discussions of method and theory as well as broad ethnographic descriptions and other documentation. It has maintained its character as a storehouse of ethnological materials for libraries and institutes. It has become an encyclopedia of information about anthropology. The world has changed in these years, and so has anthropology, but it has remained the science of cultures, while becoming more pluralistic regarding its methods, contents, and goals. *Anthropos* also played its part in these developments.

Anthropos was to be international, open to all the major languages in the world, e.g., English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, etc. Today we still think it is useful, whenever possible, to print articles and contributions in the language of the authors, which today is primarily English. In this the *Anthropos* is unique when compared with other journals. The journal is planning to produce a CD-ROM, to appear in 2006. This will contain an index of the authors of every article, report and commentary that appeared between 1906 and 2005.

Looking back over the past 99 years, the output of the *Anthropos* is impressive. In roughly 82,600 pages were published some 3,825 articles and 10,900 book reviews, miscellaneous comments, and brief reports. Every year the journal publishes about 700 pages, with about 140 contributing authors and coworkers. Each year's production averages 40 articles and other contributions,

120 book reviews, a "review of reviews" indicating important articles from 300 current journals, and a listing of new publications. *Anthropos* is published twice a year, in March and September, with a circulation of ca. 800 in more than 60 countries. Go to the journal's homepage <http://www.anthropos-journal.de> for more information about the *Anthropos*.

Wilhelm Schmidt, a member of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), was the founder and first editor of the new journal. It was always his intention and hope to use this journal to foster, in the context of the mission work of the Society, what we would now call a "multicultural encounter." It was to be a forum in which the missionaries could make their precious and largely untapped knowledge of strange peoples and cultures available, and where they could find useful specialized information about anthropology.

It was Father Arnold Janssen, the founder of the Society of the Divine Word, who supported this daring and unusual enterprise with courage and remarkable foresight. The journal is still supported both financially and with personnel by the Society of the Divine Word. It is part of its missionary self-awareness to foster a comprehensive understanding of cultures. As a consequence, this congregation has made a fundamental contribution to the study of the relationship between religion and culture. For this the Society deserves gratitude and recognition.

Anthropos has remained true to its name. It deals with people and their cultures, with people and the variety of their cultures, with people and how they relate to other cultures. A journal which has as part of its program the scientific study of cultures can facilitate in an important way the exchange and contact between cultures. In the future the journal will continue in this direction. For this it deserves all our good wishes for the future.

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