

# Editorial

It is with great pleasure that we open this editorial newsletter by noting that the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre at the University of Copenhagen has been prolonged for a second period of five years. The Kierkegaard Research Centre was founded in 1994 by the Danish National Research Foundation with two principal goals, first to produce a new critical edition of Søren Kierkegaard's writings, both his published works and his unpublished papers, and second to sponsor advanced research into selected topics related to Kierkegaard. In the past four years, the Research Centre directed by Niels Jørgen Cappelørn has been successful in both areas. It has established itself as the international centre of Søren Kierkegaard research. This is reflected in the fact that now the Kierkegaard Research Centre can go on pursuing both goals on even better financial terms for another five years.

In both its areas, the Centre has published significant initial works which will be reviewed in the next issue of *Kierkegaardiana*. Last autumn, the first five volumes of *Søren Kierkegaards Skrifter* came out and they were April this year followed by two additional volumes. In 1996 and 1997, the Centre published its Yearbook, and in 1997 the first two volumes in its *Monograph Series*, first *Kierkegaard Revisited*, containing the proceedings from the Kierkegaard Conference in Copenhagen in May 1996, and second Dorothea Glöckner's dissertation *Kierkegaards Begriff der Wiederholung*. In addition, numerous seminars and conferences have been held under the auspices of the Research Centre.

The present issue of *Kierkegaardiana* contains articles showing not only the international character but also the breath and variety of approaches – philosophical, theological, literary-aesthetic and historical – represented in Kierkegaard scholarship today. As usual, it also contains a large book-review section and a bibliography established by Aage Jørgensen. With respect to both sections we would appreciate supplemental information and corrections concerning works or articles on Kierkegaard. Please send information and, if possible, offprints to Aage Jørgensen (whose address appears in the list of contributors) or to the editorial address.

*Kierkegaardiana* is published jointly by the Danish Søren Kierkegaard Society and the Department of Søren Kierkegaard Research at the Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen. Bruce H. Kirmmse who, during his visiting appointment to the Theological Faculty had been Director of the Department, has returned to his position as Professor at Connecticut College. Eberhard Harbsmeier has accepted a position as Director of the Educational Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark and has for that reason taken leave from the Faculty of Theology. Arne Grøn, who has been appointed Professor of Ethics and Philosophy of Religion at the Faculty of Theology, is back as Director of the Kierkegaard Department. The Kierkegaard Society continues under the direction of Joakim Garff. This year in May the Society will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a reception and a jubilee publication coming out in May.

Last, but not least, we are happy to welcome Søren Bruun as co-editor of *Kierkegaardiana*. Søren Bruun is research assistant at the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre. Correspondence, including articles to be submitted to *Kierkegaardiana*, should be addressed to Søren Bruun, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, 46 Købmagergade, DK-1150 Copenhagen K.