

Editorial

Kierkegaardiana has become a well-established and elegant lady in her mid-fourties. In 1955 when she first entered the international scene, Søren Kierkegaard's name was already known the world over, and his works had been translated into numerous languages. But even if interest in Kierkegaard's works and thought was already growing, Kierkegaard researchers lacked an international periodical which could serve as a forum for discussion and for the review of literature and translations. This need resulted in the birth of the first volume of *Kierkegaardiana*. Since then she has emerged – almost regularly – every other year, pregnant with scholarly articles, changing her looks slightly when fashion and her own self-conception required it.

Twenty volumes have now seen the light of the day. This present volume celebrates its predecessors with an index of all previously published articles and reviews. Tonny Aagaard Olesen has assembled this index which opens with a short sketch of the history of *Kierkegaardiana*.

This tribute to the former volumes is due first and foremost to the fact that the Danish Kierkegaard Society had its 50th anniversary in May 1998. On that occasion, the Society introduced a jubilee publication in Danish, *Studier i Stadier*, which included a section treating 'the theory of stages,' a section reviewing the foundation of both the Kierkegaard Society and *Kierkegaardiana*, and a concluding section consisting of reviews. In this volume of *Kierkegaardiana*, we would like to initiate non-Danish readers into the section that concerns *Kierkegaardiana*.

This tribute to the earlier volumes of *Kierkegaardiana* naturally includes a tribute to her former editorial board. In the editorial remarks in vol. 20, the previous editors stepped down, and welcomed us as the new board. In return, we would like to express our gratitude to Joakim Garff, Arne Grøn, Eberhard Harbsmeier, Bruce H. Kirmmse, and Søren Bruun for their editorial work, and for entrusting this beautiful, intelligent lady to our care. Her essential nature underwent development over the years, and became even more refined during the epoch of the former editorial board – we wish to change nothing in this respect. We still want her to be known for her quality, and therefore we wish to continue to publish

scholarly articles from the many fields of international Kierkegaard research.

In order to comply more completely with the increasing interest in Kierkegaard, including the interest in Spanish-speaking parts of the world, *Kierkegaardiana* vol. 21 now invites the submission of articles in Spanish. Furthermore, since Søren Kierkegaard was a Danish thinker, and thus has many Danish readers and interpreters as well as many foreign readers who understand his mother-tongue, we will also allow Danish articles to be published, beginning with Bo Kampmann Walter's article in this volume. From this time forth, submissions will be accepted in five different languages: English, German, French, Spanish and Danish. We will also continue the tradition of publishing reviews of recent Kierkegaard literature and translations. This particular volume has relatively few reviews due to the space used for the index, and though we expect the number to be greater in future volumes, fewer reviews will be included than in previous years since we aim to publish *Kierkegaardiana* annually. As a new policy, *all* reviews – regardless the language of the book being reviewed – will be in English.

Aage Jørgensen has most kindly agreed to continue to assemble a Kierkegaard bibliography for *Kierkegaardiana*. In the next volume, number 22, a bibliography for years 1999–2000 will be included. We welcome supplemental information, suggestions, and corrections concerning scholarly works and articles on Kierkegaard. Please send such information and, if possible, re-prints, to: Aage Jørgensen, Bakkelodden 2, DK-8320 Mårslet, Denmark.

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Note that the deadline for volume 22 will be March 1, 2001, and that our guidelines *must* be followed. You will find these guidelines in the back of this volume.

And last but not least, we hope you will enjoy and benefit from the diversity of the nine articles in the present volume.