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Editorial Introduction

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Have you ever found yourself wishing you had known more about the latest developments in your field — a foreign scholar's innovative approach, a fierce debate at a conference, the release of a new body of statistics — while you were still thinking through your research results rather than after your conclusions had been committed to print? All scholars potentially face this problem of timely access to information, even in the age of the Internet. For scholars of Central Eurasia, the considerable distance across regions, cultures and scholarly traditions makes communication and access to information even more of a challenge. Overcoming this problem was one reason for founding the Central Eurasian Studies Society, as John Schoeberlein writes in his "Perspectives" column, and we consider the Central Eurasian Studies Review (CESR) to be a crucial element of the work of CESS.

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particular, we seek "correspondents" who will track research, publications, events and personages in their fields and/or their countries. Please see the CESS website for more information on this important role. Also, CESS is embarking on an important initiative to coordinate development of library collections so that Central Eurasian studies does not remain marginalized and underfunded. Chris Murphy of the Library of Congress describes the project, and the participation he needs from you, in his piece in the Perspectives section. Finally, you are encouraged to share your research in a more traditional and time-honored way: at the CESS Annual Conference, which will be held 17-20 October 2002 in Madison,

Wisconsin. The Call for Papers included in this issue provides instructions and deadlines.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing collaborative effort that has resulted in this first issue of CESR. The CESS Publications Committee, composed only of volunteers, has worked since last spring on this project. Without a central editorial office, we have communicated almost entirely via email. If this small group effort is any indication of the type of open communication and information exchange that CESS was founded to encourage, then our organization has a bright future indeed. And you are welcomed to participate in it!