Preface

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference was held under the presidency of Professor Münevver Tekcan, and was hosted by The Koçaeli University Women’s Study Centre, Kocaeli, Turkey, from July 7 to 12, 2013. The organizers gratefully appreciate the generous support offered by Kocaeli University.

54 participants from 13 countries joined the Meeting: 12 from Russia, 9 from Germany, 4 from the U.S.A., 6 from China, 4 from Hungary, 3 from France, 4 from Turkey, 2 from Japan, 3 from Taiwan, 2 from Austria, and colleagues from Turkmenistan, Italy and Norway.

The Indiana University Prize for Altaic Studies was awarded to Professor Hartmut Walravens.

At the business meeting, it was announced that Gerd Winkelhane would publish the proceedings of this Meeting. Sadly, Gerd has since passed away, but most fortunately his publishing commitment is honoured by De Gruyter, the publishing house which has acquired the Klaus Schwarz Verlag, part of the estate of Gerd Winkelhane.

Besides Gerd Winkelhane, we mourn the loss of three colleagues who had participated in the 56th Meeting: Albina Girfanova (St. Petersburg), Roger Finch (Cape Neddick, Maine) and Claus Schönig (Berlin). All four have been outstanding contributors to Altaic Studies und Turkology, be it as publishers, scholars or teachers. This volume of proceedings is thus dedicated to them.

This volume contains those papers presented at the meeting whose subjects fall within the general theme “Expressions of Gender in the Altaic World”. A number of papers presented at the conference were not received for publication. The editors are most grateful to Yusuf Gürcan Şahin who patiently and competently formatted the papers.

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