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The editors of the Folklore Forum are pleased to announce three new policies for the journal. We are introducing a translation series that will consist of articles translated from their original languages and original research translated into English. "The Story of El-Sayyid Ahmad El-Badawi with Fatma Bint-Birry," collected and translated by Hasan M. El-Shamy, is the first text in our new translation series. We would like to encourage each of our subscribers to submit translations for this series.

The Folklore Forum, beginning with Vol. 10 (1977), will be published in a new format with offset printing and wraparound covers. In order to adjust to this new format, the editorial staff of the Forum has decided to publish three regular issues per year, with one or two issues of the Bibliographic and Special Series, at the same subscription price. This present issue, Vol. 9, Nos. 3-4, is a composite issue for the transition to the new format.

In addition, we are introducing lifetime membership to all individual subscribers. The cost of this tax-deductible lifetime membership is \$150.00. Donations to the capital fund, which has been established to facilitate the transition to offset printing, will also be accepted on a tax-deductible basis.

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Sincerely,

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