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This is my farewell issue as the managing editor of the Anthropology of East Europe Review. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Rotenberg, the guest editors and authors with whom I've worked, and the loyal individual and institutional subscribers who have made it possible for me to produce this journal for the past two years. It has been a wonderful experience! I've made the decision to give up the position not because I am tired of the work of editing the journal or managing the organization's finances, but rather because I am leaving academia altogether, at least for the time being. My partner and I are following our hearts by moving to Melbourne, Australia. At this point I don't know in which direction my next career path will lead me, but I do know that the skills I've acquired as an anthropologist and an academic will serve me well no matter what. I also know that I'm leaving both AEER and the EEAG in very professional hands. Krista Harper and Julie Hemment have been active in the organization for many years and Krista has served as a guest editor of one of our most popular Special Issues, the Spring 2003 issue on Food and Foodways.

All the best,

Barb West

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