

## EDITORS NOTES:

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We continue to enjoy the financial support of DePaul University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the publication of this newsletter. They pick up two-thirds of the cost of publication. We must pick up the other third. Currently (1995 list), we have just under 150 subscribers. We are dropping in numbers. The cost of the subscription is a mere \$15. Please renew if you haven't already. The mailing label on the envelope has the year that you last paid your dues. People who have not paid for 1996 will not receive the Autumn issue. If the subscription list drops much further we may have to forego the paper version of the newsletter. This would be a shame because it would deprive us of a place in the periodical section of our subscribing libraries and exclude the non-computer literate from access to our work. Please send in your dues if you have not already done so. And consider sending in two year's worth of dues so that you don't have to think about it next. Send the checks to me, made out to East European Anthropology Group.

This issue includes a number of interesting features, and at least one innovation. The Classics in East European Ethnography Series is inaugurated in this issue. With these translations of the best work of East European ethnographers of the before World War II, we attempt to recapture a style and breadth of scholarship that is virtually unknown today. As the current entry, *Magical Sitting* by Veselin Cajkanovic indicates, these ethnographers have much to teach us. Cajkanovic (d. 1941) worked in Belgrade, where he specialized in pre-Christian Slavic folklore. He was a prominent professor at the university and a member of the academy of sciences. Unlike his contemporary Eliade in Romania, he did not leave a legacy of students and most of his work was never published. We read his work today to remember our own intellectual roots and the continuing importance of separating scholarly approaches to regional ethnohistory from nationalist programs. I invite any would be translators to offer their versions of shorter works of their favorite ethnographer or folklorist from the pre-War period for future publication in this series.

The bulk of this issue is devoted to five articles by students of Steven Sampson from the Institute for Anthropology at the University of Copenhagen. Each represents a short ethnographic piece on an issue of contemporary importance across four countries: Romania, Latvia (2), Hungary and Russia. While the research questions are diverse, the results are well documented and insightful. For this students, this is their first experience with publication. For us, it is an opportunity to gain some insights into research questions that abut our own, to expand our familiarity with societies in the region, and to get a glimpse at the work of the next generation of Danish specialists in East European culture studies.

Also included in this issue is another in the series of articles by Paul Magnarella bringing us up-to-date on the war crimes prosecutions in Balkans. Paul first posted his summary of the efforts to organize these prosecutions last Spring in the Special Issue on Refugee Women in the Balkans. In this article, he reports on the work of the tribunal over the last year and where the prosecutions are heading. Paul is both an anthropologist and a lawyer who specializes in human rights issues and has devoted a lot of research time to the Balkans war crimes tribunal. His reports are a great service to those of us who are concerned about the fairness and effectiveness of these prosecutions.

We begin with a series of announcements from sister organizations and information about the East European Anthropology Group's home page on the World Wide Web. If you haven't visited it already, please do so. Add the address to your bookmarks, add the link to your own home page, and pass the address on to your students. This facility will make the archive of the AEER much easier for you to access in the future.

Next Fall's issue will feature articles from the November, 1995 AAA meeting session on women and the problem of civil society in post-socialist societies. In addition, I am hoping to have two articles on issues in the Central Asian Republics. Hopefully, someone will come through with a translation for the Classic in East European

Ethnography series, and the usual collection of announcements. We haven't had any book review submissions for a while. If you want to review a book, or set of related books, contact László Kürti at ELTE so that he can coordinate the efforts. While it

might be fun to have three reviews of the same book it is not an efficient use of paper.

## ANNOUNCEMENT: SENDING BOOKS TO EAST EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND COLLEAGUES

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As many of you are aware, the SAE will pay for the postage (up to \$500 per year total, for all of us) of sending books and other scholarly publications to Eastern European and East Central European institutions and colleagues. So this is a good time to clean your offices and studies, and mail unwanted or extra books, reprints, and other printed matter to institutions and colleagues of your choice. I checked with the Post Office for the least expensive way to mail. If my understanding is correct, we could surface mail books and such in bags that are provided by the Post Office. These packages cannot contain anything else but books, and other scholarly publications and the bags cannot weigh less than 11 lbs and not more than 66 lbs each. The cost is \$ 0.79 per lb for mailing books to the Republics of Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech, Hungary, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Yugoslavia (what am I leaving out?!?).

Since I made the motion to which members of our Society responded with generosity at our business meeting last November in Washington D.C., I got the dubious honor to coordinate this effort.

All I can do at this point is to a) remind you that most of our colleagues overseas need but can no longer afford to buy books and we can make a difference; b) urge you to search, pack, and mail printed matter to the individual, university, or other institution in the country of your choice in Eastern Europe and East Central Europe; c) mail me the postal receipts as soon as possible and, as soon as I get the receipts, I will mail you a check for the amount.

George Saunders, our kind Treasurer, assured me that I will receive the check for this year from the AAA soon, but asked me at the same time to send him the receipts before the end of the fiscal year. Thus, I believe, we must act now and take advantage of our Society's generous contribution, preferably

before the Winter Term ends and the Summer wanderings begin.

Please send the receipts to the following address:  
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Shawn Landres suggests that books to Slovakia go to the Slovenska Akademicka Informacna Agentura (Slovak Academic Information Agency), better known as SAIA. I'm quite close to the office in Banska Bystrica, which is home to Univerzita Mateja Bela. UMB has just opened an entirely new division of the social sciences, including sociology, social anthropology, political science, psychology, and public policy (a professional training program), so I imagine that they would be in need of books.

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