EDITORIAL

It is with great satisfaction (which is hopefully shared by the Authors) that we give into your hands Volume IX (L) of “Światowit.” Although it may be considered as a “jubilee” volume – it is the fiftieth according to the previous numbering – we have not undertaken any steps to underline or take this fact into consideration. We have found it more proper to maintain the continuity and pace of publication of subsequent volumes.

Significant changes must be pointed out in the current volume – a new layout of the cover and the title page, as well as a resignation from separating a special section with illustrations and inserting them into the texts of papers. We hope that this will “refresh” the way in which the annual is seen and will facilitate the reading of lavishly illustrated texts. On the other hand, a part of illustrations (colour or large size ones) can be found on the attached CD. These are not very numerous yet and rather constitute a sort of attempt. By means of this, in subsequent volumes we offer an opportunity to provide printed texts both with extensive illustration material and with other files (such as catalogues, interactive databases, visualisations, animations, etc.).

Furthermore, the announced making “Światowit” accessible online has been accomplished – Volume VIII (XLIX) is already available from the website of the Institute. It must be added that in line with the agreement with the Polish History Museum (within the framework of the BazHum project), all archival volumes of the journal are being digitalised. We also hope to make this archive (starting with Volume I from 1899!) soon available online in an appropriate resource. Therefore, “Światowit” will perhaps be the first Polish archaeological journal to be fully available online (although with a half-year “embargo” for the most recent volume).

Eventually, we would like to repeat our invitation – especially with regard to the afore-mentioned facts – for Authors to submit new papers and other texts (e.g., reviews). This concerns both Authors who have already co-operated with “Światowit” for some time as well as new ones. By means of this, the framework of the journal which is created and improved by the Editors will be filled with the best possible content.