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Foreword

Volume 50 of *Onoma* is a general issue consisting of five articles on a very varied, but partly unified, range of topics. All have some anthroponymical element about them. Lars-Jakob Harding Kællerød and Barbara Ana Revuelta-Eugercios study changes in anthroponymic practice in 19th-century Denmark resulting from official anxiety about the homogeneity of local naming customs, whilst Alexander Pustyakov writes on changing baby-naming traditions among the Mari people (formerly known as the Cheremis) of Russia. Lasse Hämäläinen writes on anthropo(pseud)onomastics (if I may create a word) in corners of the World Wide Web where relatively few readers will have ventured. Donna Lillian's article is in the area of literary onomastics, dealing with a little-explored area, no doubt strange to 21st-century eyes, of character-naming in the fictional works of the late American linguist Suzette Haden Elgin. Richard Coates' article is first and foremost a study of an English place-name in the form of an exploration of a wide range of onomastic issues, which leads into consideration of its remarkable use as a surname in the 20th century.

The Editorial Board hope that readers will find this collection stimulating and satisfying.

The Board renews its apologies to authors and readers for the undue delay in the production of *Onoma*, and wishes them to know of its commitment to remedy this for the future. We hope, as ever, that readers will find the variety of the articles and their quality to be sufficient compensation. Articles submitted to *Onoma* are doubly refereed, following the highest standards of international practice, and the Editorial Board are most grateful to the anonymous referees.

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