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## Foreword

Volume 51 of our international journal *Onoma* focuses on names and naming practices in Asia. It consists of ten substantive articles on a very varied range of topics which will find resonances well outside the geographical confines of the Asian continent. Names are a human universal, and onomastics is a truly universal discipline, like anthropology and linguistics with which it shares so much common ground. Publishing this Asian collection for a world-wide readership will help, even through its relatively local focusing, to combat the tendency for onomastic work to be parochial. There is much material here which contributes to the general concerns of language and culture, whether the reader is a theorist or a butterfly-collector.

Members of the Editorial Board hope that readers will find Volume 51 stimulating and satisfying. They extend their warmest gratitude to the guest editorial team of Sungjae Choo, Peter Kang and Multamia Lauder for their effective preparation of this collection, for their introductory essay, and for assembling a set of articles of international scope and authorship, covering place-names, personal names, ethnic names in the broadest sense, astronomical names, and names in literature. Readers will find featured material from Korea, China, Vietnam, India, Malaysia and Indonesia, written in two of ICOS's official languages, English and French.

The Editorial Board hopes that readers of *Onoma* will take pleasure in the rapid elimination of the delay in publication thanks to the energetic editorial skills of Oliviu Felecan, assisted by Alina Bugheşiu. The Board is fully committed to the modernization of our editorial practices, which will see *Onoma* appear first and foremost as an online, open-access journal. We encourage onomasticians world-wide to consider submitting their manuscripts to *Onoma*, which will continue to be a partly thematic journal, but the Editor-in-Chief will ensure that space is available for publishing important work which does not necessarily fit with current thematic topics. *Onoma* is entering a new and dynamic phase of its existence, and the Editorial Board is confident that it will find its way to a position of high standing according to the metrics presently in use in academia.

With that in mind, articles submitted to *Onoma* will, of course, continue to be doubly refereed, following the highest standards of international practice. The Editorial Board is most grateful not only to the anonymous peer reviewers, but also to the translators of the abstracts, of the papers in Volume 51.

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