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## Foreword

Volume 52 of ICOS's international journal *Onoma* is a non-thematic one. There are five substantive articles on a very wide range of topics: a defence of some details of a particular brand of name theory; women's names of Germanic origin in a collection of medieval Scottish documents; toponyms in Lebanon; slang compounds in Finnish and Hungarian where one element of the compound is a proper name; and an article whose subtitle is best allowed to speak for itself, since paraphrasing it presents problems: "Properhood in bird names and the naming of military mascots". Authors featured in *Onoma* exhibit a wide range of interests likely to appeal to name scholars of all persuasions, and the range for this year reminds us how many aspects of human life are significantly touched by names and naming. The volume also has a new feature of shorter notes, the first two dealing, in their different ways, with technical terminology in onomastics.

Members of the Editorial Board hope that readers will find Volume 52 stimulating and satisfying, and they extend their warm thanks to the volume editor Oliviu Felecan, as well as to the editorial secretary Alina Bugheşiu and web officer Evgeny Shokhenmayer.

The Editorial Board hopes that readers of *Onoma* will take pleasure in the continuing rapid elimination of the delay in publication thanks to the energetic new general editorial team. Repeating what was said last year: 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. Manuscripts may be either full articles or shorter notes, and any of the official languages of ICOS are in principle acceptable: English, French and German.

*Onoma* is now well embarked on a new and dynamic phase of its existence, and the Editorial Board is confident that it will rapidly 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 52.

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