

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, *Slovene Studies*

On behalf of the Society for Slovene Studies, I wish to thank Carter Elwood, General Editor of the *Selected Papers from the Third World Congress for Soviet and East European Studies*, for agreeing that this special issue of *Slovene Studies* be one of the fifteen official publications arising from that Congress. I also acknowledge his helpful cooperation in this endeavor.

Three of the first four articles in this issue are edited versions of the papers that made up the Congress panel "Problems of European Minorities: the Slovene Case," namely, those by Claudia Fräss-Ehrfeld, Andreas Moritsch, and Aleš Lokar and Marko Oblak (read by the first-named). Discussants on this panel were Thomas M. Barker (State University of New York, Albany) and Peter Vodopivec (Univerza Edvarda Kardelja, Ljubljana); the latter was prevented, by forces beyond his control, from being present; for this reason I have decided to include his commentary, in an extended version, here also.

The articles and other materials that constitute the remainder of this issue are normal contributions to the journal. It happens, however, that the article by Toussaint Hočevar and the two reviews by Michael Conte and myself are extremely pertinent to the theme of Slovene Minorities.

Many of the articles in this issue mention cities, towns, rivers, mountain ranges etc. which have current and familiar names in both Slovene and German and/or Italian. These toponyms have been normalized as follows: the first time any such toponym is mentioned, it is cited bilingually, with the Slovene version first; thereafter, it is cited in the non-Slovene version only (examples: first mention: Videm/Udine, Drava/Drau, Karavanke/Karawanken; thereafter: Udine, Drau, Karawanken.) Where a well-known English toponym is available (e.g., Carinthia) this is used alone. I bear sole responsibility for this space-saving compromise, which is of my own devising, between nationalistic and practical considerations.

Finally, I wish to thank Rado L. Lencek, Book Review Editor, and David F. Stermole, Assistant Editor, for their assistance in preparing this volume; and Frank Klemen of Edmonton for his help with the preparation of the *povzetki*. I assume responsibility, however, for all extant errors.

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