



Editorial

It is a privilege for me to join the editorial board of the *IIAS Newsletter*. Assigning an editor for Central Asia, a region that continues to be of scholarly as well as popular interest, is a confirmation of the contribution of the IIAS to the promotion of the study of Central Asia worldwide. I hope that in the newsletter and with your cooperation, we will be able not only to offer you up-to-date information about Central Asian studies world wide, but also to provide a network that unites all those who would like to have a better understanding of the region. In every issue, we hope to introduce academic institutes around the world that offer programs for Central Asian Studies. In addition, we would like to inform our readers about the new publications and research projects that are in progress. With your support, I believe we can achieve this undertaking. - (T.A.)