

Editorial

Although we try to publish SCIAMVS annually by the end of the year, this volume is a little behind schedule because of unavoidable circumstances. I am particularly thankful to Prof. Gregg De Young and Dr. Bill Mak, who worked very hard during the time of the Christmas holiday. I also thank De Liscia who made available, for the first time, an edition of a Latin text by the 14th-century philosopher and theologian, Albert of Saxony.

In the past volumes, I have not submitted any article, although I wished I could, since the quality of the papers in this journal was very high and it was not easy for me to write an article worth publishing in this periodical. At long last, however, I can include my name among the authors of a paper in this volume. It is on the Indian sine quadrant. This is thanks to Prof. S.R. Sarma who spent six months in Kyoto in 2013-4 and worked with his old friends. SaKHYa stands for Sarma, Kusuba, Hayashi, and Yano as well as 'friendship' in Sanskrit. We met regularly and read Sanskrit texts. The main body of the paper was prepared by Sarma and Hayashi has worked hard to draw figures and write mathematical commentaries.

I am very glad that Bill Mak could be fitted into this volume. He contributed an excellent article in Vol.14 of SCIAMVS and this time he helped me again by completing a remarkable article in a short time. In this article he offers an answer to an age-old question: whether Tulyüssu in the title of the text *Tulyüssuching* (都利聿斯經) comes from the name of Ptolemy. Mak has proposed Dorotheus as a possible candidate. I am very much inclined to accept this new interpretation and congratulate Bill Mak. What he shows in this paper surely opens a new perspective on the eastward transmission of Western astrology, ultimately to Japan in the Heian Period.

In the past few years I was wondering when and how to quit the chief editorship of SCIAMVS. Now it is high time, since I am retiring from Kyoto Sangyo University after the end of the coming March, at the age of 70. So Kyoto Sangyo university cannot be used as the official address of SCIAMVS, although I can keep on using my e-mail address and my web page at the university.

I had never dreamed of such a long life of SCIAMVS when we started it in 2000. It is thanks to Ken Saito's work as managing editor that we could keep on publishing up to fifteen volumes. Regrettably, Saito also wants to retire from the managing editorship and he wants to hand over his role to the younger generation. Until new

editors are on board, however, Saito will work as working manager at his office and our web page.

Thus this issue, Vol. 15, will be the last one that is published in our name.

We thank the authors of the articles and those who helped us as referees. We ask them for continued assistance towards the new editors and editorial board.

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