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EDITORIAL

In recent historiography, such as Lonnie Johnson's *Central Europe: Enemies, Neighbors, Friends*, with its maps of the dispersion of Muslims, Jews and Christians during changing eras, we are learning to differentiate the experiences of religious minorities by geographic region. This issue offers a broad historical survey of the way the Bulgarians related to the Jews in their midst. Archimandrite Pavel's judicious review draws attention to recent literature from a variety of European languages, and speaks of a Bulgarian inferiority complex to account for antisemitism, but also implies that a recent increase in publication of Nazi and fascist books may be intended by a former super power to prevent Bulgaria's entry into the EC. Secondly, the review of a Croatian Lexicon on religion communicates not only the rare fact of such a publication, but also its ecumenical intent, even when not meeting all expectations.

After twenty years, the bimonthly publication we now know as *REE* has accumulated a bibliography of articles that is an invaluable resource for anyone seeking to understand religion in Eastern Europe, or to teach about it. We take this occasion to present a Cumulative Index, organized chronologically and by author. May it prove useful.

In 1997, after founding editor Paul Mojzes found his duties as Academic Dean at Rosemount College too great to maintain his work with *REE*, he sought associate and assistant editors. Then beginning with the first issue of 1998 I became the editor, with Charles West and Sharon Linzey soon serving as associate editors. It has been a most enriching experience, but also a heavy burden to maintain the pace, to stay in touch with the widely scattered world of contributors, and oversee the technical aspects. Beginning with the first issue in 2003, which coincides with my sabbatical, Paul Mojzes and I will be co-editors. I feel certain the readers join me in welcoming him back.

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