

We give into your hands the subsequent VIIIth (XLIXth) volume of “Światowit.” We have introduced some changes to the Annual of the Institute of Archaeology of the University of Warsaw, starting with this volume. First of all, “Światowit” has become a peer-reviewed annual – all the papers published in the section “Studies and Materials” were qualified to publication by reviewers from outside of the Institute. Furthermore, we have adopted a principle that in Fascicle A (*Mediterranean and Non-European Archaeology*) all the texts will be exclusively published in conference languages (with summaries in Polish). Our plan to make every subsequent volume available in a digital version six months after the publication of the printed version is also a significant novelty.

The present volume is formally published for 2009–2010, although the “Chronicle of Excavations” also includes papers concerning earlier fieldwork of the employees of the Institute.

We do hope that the changes proposed by the Editors (together with planned further ones), as well as the systematisation of the editorial cycle of “Światowit” will be favorably accepted by Readers and Authors. We warmly invite all the interested persons to co-operate and submit papers.