

Editors' Notes

THIS FIFTH VOLUME of the *Yearbook* under its new staff and editorial procedures commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of Austria's Second Republic. Volume XXVI covers the full geographic and temporal range that we normally associate with the field, but we have made a special effort to include articles—especially Helmut Konrad's 1994 Kann Memorial Lecture and the commissioned article by Dieter Binder—that explicitly recognize the founding of Austria's Second Republic. We were delighted, too, that the timing of submissions permitted us to publish the articles by Günther Bischof and Oliver Rathkolb, because they deal with important features of Austrian history since 1945.

We are pleased to welcome on board Barbara Lawatsch-Boomgaarden as Associate Editor of the *Yearbook*; accordingly, her name will appear on the masthead of the next issue. She assumes this position as part of her responsibilities as a newly-appointed staff person on the *Kommission für neuere Geschichte*. Barbara received her Ph.D. in history and Latin from the University of Salzburg. Since 1987, she has taught a wide range of courses in history and literature as adjunct assistant professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland, where her husband teaches in the Department of Music. She has published several articles on classical themes, and her translation of Father Andrew White's *Relatio Itineris in Marilandiam* will soon be published by Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers; it includes an extensive introduction, generous commentary, and a facsimile of the seventeenth-century manuscript. Her position as Associate Editor will now enable her to draw on her secondary Ph.D. field and teaching experience in Austrian history. In this role, Barbara will work with the editors and editorial staff to increase the number of submissions from colleagues in Austria and the Habsburg successor states, to increase the visibility of the *Yearbook* within the larger scholarly community of Central and Eastern Europe, and to expand both the subscriber base and reviewer base in the region.

Observant readers will notice the new look of the book review portion of the *Yearbook*. We have added a separate "Documents" section with the goal

of making colleagues aware of primary source material that is available in book form. We have also preserved the point size but changed the layout of the book review section. The reviews now run across the page rather than in the old two-column format, reducing the cost of typesetting and proof-reading.

We thank members of the Advisory Board and the Editorial Board for their advice and support. We express gratitude to other colleagues who have been willing to give prompt and careful readings of submitted manuscripts. We thank Thomas Burg and Gary Jahn for their valuable input as language specialists and Tomislav Urban for his help in preparing the manuscripts for publication. Anne Running once again copyedited the manuscript with exceptional care and thoroughness.

As volume XXVI was being typeset, we learned of Barbara Jelavich's death. She will be remembered by many as friend, mentor, valued colleague, and distinguished scholar, so her passing marks a great loss for the field of Austrian and Habsburg history. The spring 1995 issue of the *Austrian Studies Newsletter* will contain a fitting tribute to Barbara as a person and a scholar. In the meantime, we would be remiss in not recognizing her longstanding contributions to the *Austrian History Yearbook*, especially during the recent phase of reorganization when she served as a valuable member of its Advisory Board. Volume XXIII (1992) of the *Yearbook* contains a revised version of her superb Robert A. Kann Memorial Lecture "Clouded Image: Critical Perceptions of the Habsburg Empire in 1914," which she delivered with characteristic grace and charm at the Center for Austrian Studies on April 4, 1990.

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