Editorial note

To make a start, the editor presents a short article on an interesting topic of Vedic astronomy. The identity of the "Heavenly Bucket" has eluded us so far. Hopefully, the following interpretation will meet with the readers' approval. Any comments are welcome and will be summarized in a column "Discussion" in the next issue. The author then gets a chance to reply.

In this issue, we have used, where necessary for clarity, the Kyoto-Harvard Transcription in quoting Sanskrit words. Again, any comments on this scheme are welcome. The present form is an experiment meant for use in normal e-mail. Once we proceed to publish these articles on the World Wide Web (http://www.arcadia.polimi.it/~ejvslist/) as well, we will include full style transcription. We might publish a hardcopy edition in the future.

In this issue, we also include some news and announcements which should be of general interest. Thanks to F. J. Martinez for drawing our attention to his Indo-European WWW homepage. Similar news is welcome.

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