

EDITOR'S NOTE

This volume of EJVS is edited by our guest editor, Jan Houben. He has organized the Leiden conference whose (partial) outcome are the papers presented here. Incidentally, this volume follows up, in certain respects, the discussion, begun in Vol. 8-3 by Philip T. Nicholson, about specially induced states of mind, as seen in Vedic texts. A report on the recent Somayaaga in Kerala will follow soon.

The transcription in this issue follows the Kyoto-Harvard System with minor, self-evident modifications (especially in the initial characters of proper names, such as .R = capital vowel R), and some special characters for Avestan: E = e, E: = long e, /e = schwa, T = theta, D = delta, G = gamma, :n = ng, ^s = sh, :x = xv, etc. Accents are represented as follows: udATTa by / and Svarita by \.

We sincerely thank Jan Houben for all work undertaken to bring out this special issue.

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GUEST EDITOR'S NOTE

Soma-Haoma

Note: The Soma-Haoma issue of the EJVS, of which this is the first part, presents the direct and indirect outcome of a workshop on the Soma-Haoma problem organized by the Research school CNWS, Leiden University, 3-4 July 1999.

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