

Editorial

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The articles in this issue of the Bulletin provide an accurate reflection of the work being conducted by Center researchers and associates. Florence Heymann, whose *“Crépuscule des lieux”*¹ will be published shortly, reveals some of the secrets of her survey of the Jews of Czernowitz. Three colleagues, each of whom were recipients of a “researcher’s month” grant, write on one facet of their work: Professor Marcello Piperno (University of Turin) on the Melka Kunture site in Ethiopia, Marie-Hélène Moncel (Institut de Paléontologie Humaine) discusses the technical behavior of human groups in the Near East; Catherine Poujol, who is nearing completion of her Ph.D. (University Paris I) on the fascinating figure of Aimé Pallière, provides us with some of her gleanings from the archives. Broadening her analysis of the *Mayse Bukh* (Basel, 1602), Astrid Starck, who is currently preparing an annotated edition and translation, gives the reader a taste of Yiddish imagination on the threshold of modernity. William Berthomière, a former recipient of the Center’s “Lavoisier” scholarship, who is currently with Migrinter, returns with the findings of his Ph.D. dissertation² on the Jews of the former Soviet Union.

The conference which he organized with Lisa Anteby on “2000 years of Diaspora” had to be canceled due to the current political situation. We hope it will take place in October 2001. The Harry Truman Institute for Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, along with the CRFJ, is holding a conference on “France and the Near East: Past, Present and Future” on April 29 and 30, 2001, an account of which will appear in the near issue of the Bulletin.

On June 7, 2001, the Center will hold a round table on “Uses of the Past in the Jewish World and in Jerusalem” in conjunction with the University of Aix en Provence.

We are delighted that the Delegation to National Celebrations of the Ministry of Culture and Communication has chosen our June 2002 conference to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Jean Perrot Excavations – and hence the distant beginnings of the CRFJ – which is currently being organized by Silvana Condemi and Élisabeth Warshawski. The Scientific Committee has been formed and calls for papers have been sent out.

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¹ Identity of the Jews of Czernowitz, forthcoming, 2001.

² Israel and Immigration. *Les Juifs d'ex-URSS. acteurs des enjeux territoriaux et identitaires*. University of Poitiers, 1999. Also noteworthy: *L'intelligentsia russe en Israël, Rassurante étrangeté*, by a former member of the CRFJ, Danielle Storper Perez, (Paris, CNRS Éditions, 1998 ; see also Cahiers du CRFJ, volume 6).