

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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**T**he present issue has appeared after a long gap. The publisher apologizes for its delayed publication. Anyway, we have increased its volume by including a substantially lengthy book review article as well as little known information about a well known Nepalese Siddha Suratavajra by a dedicated explorer Matthew Akester.

It seems that scholars working on Tibetan Buddhism are growing in a large number, where as Nepalese Buddhism and Nepal-Tibet Buddhist themes have not received as much attention. Nevertheless, the contribution of scholars working on this field albeit meager, are by no means insignificant.

In this respect, works and writings of Hubert Decleer, Niels Gutschow, Todd Lewis, William B. Douglas and David Gellner are highly commendable. In the same line, from the University of Ohio, Mrs. Dina Bangdel seems to have worked on a comprehensive Newar Buddhist Iconography as a part of her dissertation. Mr. Iain Sinclair, a young Australian scholar is working on Kalacakra on the basis of Newar Sanskrit Buddhist Manuscripts. We can only hope for its speedy completion. In this aspect, the Contribution of Journal of International Association of Buddhist Studies deserves special appreciation for its publication of articles based on the abovementioned themes. We hope IABS journal for playing a key role in supporting our theme. We are planning to include those recent scholarship in the future issues of our journal.