

Editorial

The *Konitsa Summer School in Anthropology, Ethnography and Comparative Folklore of the Balkans* is now a well known academic institution among academics and students. Nearly four hundred students and forty professional scholars have participated in its academic, social and cultural activities.

This is the second volume of the School's Annual containing the proceedings of two years, 2007 and 2008, for practical reasons. There was a delay in the whole editing process and we decided to publish a double volume. The volume contains texts written by members of the teaching staff, papers delivered as lectures or especially prepared for the Annual, papers written by students based principally on their fieldwork exercise, presentations of ongoing PhD theses and, finally, the syllabi of the subjects of instruction. We would like to stress once more the emphasis put on students' participation, providing them with the opportunity to express their views and publish their work.

We express our deep gratitude to all colleagues and students alike, who have shared this wonderful and utterly stimulating academic and human experience with us. Special thanks go also to the Municipality of Konitsa for the material and moral support, the University of Ioannina for including this activity in its academic programme and all the Universities participating in the *Border Crossings Network*.

The Editors