

PREFACE

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The conference enabled scholars working on different subjects related to the Mongolian history and culture, including literature and religion, using different methodologies: historical, ethnological, philological or linguistic – to meet together and exchange data and opinions. Some colleagues presented results of their scholarly work, some contributed with survey of certain studies, others preferred to give advice in a form of a written contribution. We have decided to publish all texts which were delivered to the editors in two languages: English and Mongolian.

The article on *Altaic Studies in Poland* by Jerzy Tulisow serves as a broad introduction to the subject and shows how interest in this field developed among Poles.

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Technical note: we kept transliterations and transcriptions as given by the authors. Please note that due to the fact that Mongols use names and patronimica, Mongolian names are treated here similarly to the Western family names and marked likewise with capital letters.

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