

PREFACE

This issue of *Papers on Anthropology* is dedicated to the 9th Baltic Morphology Conference. Biannual Baltic Morphology meetings are traditional events rotating between different universities in the Baltic countries. It is the third time for Tartu to host the conference and we have always offered the participants an opportunity to publish their full research papers. In 2005, the papers were published in the supplement of the journal *Eesti Arst* (Estonian Physician) and in 2011, similarly to this year, in *Papers on Anthropology*. Many participants of the conference have used the opportunity to submit articles on different topics of morphological sciences to the current issue of *Papers on Anthropology*.

The introductory session of our 9th Baltic Morphology Conference is dedicated to the studies on the Baltic Egyptian mummies – Egyptian mummies preserved in the museums in Vilnius, Riga and Tartu. Therefore, linked to the “mummy topic” of our conference, one also can find several special studies on mummified human remains in this issue of *Papers on Anthropology*.

Papers on Anthropology has been published for a long time. It has been issued by the Centre for Physical Anthropology of the University of Tartu, which was founded in 1993. Soon the Centre, headed through all these years with never-ending energy by Helje Kaarma will celebrate its 25th anniversary. In the current issue of the *Papers on Anthropology* an overview of the activities and achievements of the Centre is provided in a special article.



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