

## PREFACE

The biennial proceedings of the *Lithuanian Library of the Academy of Sciences*, first started to be published in 2004, are resuming publication, after a longer hiatus, under the title *The Wroblewski Library of the Academy of Sciences*. The current fourth volume is for 2007–2008. The subsequent year, 2009, was particularly tumultuous for the Library. The Library's name was changed towards the end of that year. There also were made major alterations to the composition of the editorial staff. The changes in the Library interfered with the regularity of the serial's publication, and the preparation of this volume took longer than usual.

In comparison with the previous volumes, the structure of this one is slightly different. The volume starts with the Library's Annual Report for 2007–2008, followed by scientific articles and a publication of the Library's Manuscript holdings on Vladas Drėma, Lithuanian art historian. Further, the proceedings contain annotations on three new books and essays honouring former and current members of the Library's staff.

In the current proceedings, considerable attention is accorded to the Vilnius Evangelical Reformers Synod, the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of whose founding was celebrated in 2007. The volume features two articles concerning the Synod library and the fate of its collections, and an annotation on a book of collected articles published to mark the anniversary.

Another important event commemorated in the volume is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Tadeusz Wroblewski (2008). This occasion is marked by Rasa Sperskienė's article on Wroblewski's defence of Lithuanians under trial in political cases.

Most of the texts for this volume were written by the staff of the Wroblewski Library of the Academy of Sciences. Some of the articles were provided by colleagues from the Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania (Rima Dirsytė, Marija Ivanovič) and the Jakub Kolas Central Scientific Library of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus (Marina Lis). A review on a publication published by the Wroblewski Library was written by Dr. Habil. Aldona Prašmantaitė, Senior Scientist in the Lithuanian Institute of History.

We hope that these proceedings of the Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences will be of interest to readers and will attract even more attention of prospective authors writing on topics of documentary heritage.

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