First idea of this volume appeared along with that of organizing an Indological conference in Krakow. Our early hope to publish papers that were to be delivered was rather modest. The ultimate reasons for the conference in Krakow are valid also for this publication. Since they were best put in the opening address of prof. G.Oberhammer included also in here there is no use in elaborating on them.

The volume is meant primarily to present the papers delivered at the International Conference on Sanskrit and Related Studies held in Krakow in September 1993. We consider it also the best chance to start with a new Indological series called **Cracow Indological Studies**. This should provide yet another opportunity for meeting of Indological ideas such as we hope Krakow Conference had been. We would like it also to be a forum for the presentation of Polish Indology which seems to take its second breath.

Next volumes to follow are intended to be published in English and to focus on a certain topic with the editor changing from volume to volume. The exact concept of each volume will mostly depend on the idea of the leading person responsible for the selection of papers.

The layout of the contents of the present volume takes into consideration the Conference (opening address) and its dedication to the centenary of Sanskrit in Kraków (the papers by I.Milewska and
P. Piekarski. The rest of the papers come in alphabetical order of their authors. We thought it also wise to include in abstracts all those papers that for various reasons did not appear in this volume in extenso (Appendix I). The idea of adding an appendix with selected bibliography of Indologists connected with Krakow, especially those of the past, seemed also useful (Appendix II).