

## PREFACE

This joint work was planned and started in 1999. At the time of his death in 2002, Professor P. HERRMANN had already made his contribution (mainly on nos. 8, 32A-B and 58) and gave his advice on some *lemmata* which I had worked out. During his last stay in İzmir we took the opportunity of discussing the present stage of our work and agreed on adding some recent important epigraphic discoveries. However, after his death in the same year after returning to Germany, it was no longer possible for me to have his advice concerning my work on these later additions.

The present volume covers 101 unpublished inscriptions, all from the Hermos and Cayster valleys. Most of these inscriptions have been discovered during my trips while others, doubtless all originating from Lydia, have been copied in the Manisa, Ödemiş and Milet museums as well as in some private collections\*. Each item has been illustrated, and it is hoped that the detailed indices and the map (drawn by U. MALAY) will be helpful for the reader\*\*.

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\*On the other hand, a chapter of the book was devoted to 6 honorific inscriptions from İzmir (Smyrna). However, when two of them were published without authorization, it became necessary to separate them for a joint article which has been published in *EA* 36, 2003, 1-11.

\*\* Measurements are always given in centimeters in the following order: height × width × thickness, L(etter-height). Because of recent difficulties to again reach some stones, it was unfortunately not possible to give the measurements of nos. 4, 33, 66, 84 and 87.

instance, first discovered the two huge *stelai* recording a decree of an association and a list of *bearers of sacred symbols* (nos. 96-7). The BENGISU's not only brought the inscriptions to my attention but also rescued those *stelai* by paying for their safe transportation to the Ödemiş Museum.

It is necessary also to record here the valuable contribution of several colleagues: M. ERRINGTON (Marburg), who discussed nos. 32A-B (the two royal documents) and 58 (the decree of the Maonians) with P. HERRMANN and made remarks on some difficult passages and terms and improved the English of those *lemmata*; CH. HABICHT (Princeton) who made some proposals on no. 32; A. CHANIOTIS (Heidelberg) who gave his advice on some of the confessions (nos. 51, 70, 84-85); M. RICL (Belgrade) who read the final draft and gave her suggestions, and P. THONEMANN (Oxford) who revised my English. Finally, my special thanks go to G. PETZL (Köln) who read my contributions and made suggestions, especially on the confessions and on the two long texts (nos. 96-7) from the Cayster Valley. He saved me from many errors and omissions, and never neglected to give answers to my questions.

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Unfortunately, it was not possible to have P. HERRMANN's agreement on the final stage of my commentary on several texts, especially the confessions. Therefore I myself remain responsible for any possible errors and omissions concerning those *lemmata*. I am also responsible for every kind of editorial deficiency and for any mistakes in the indices and on the map. Anyway, in spite of the tragic loss of P. HERRMANN before its completion, this work signifies our friendship and collaboration of 25 years. I consider as an enduring honor to share this publication with such an eminent scholar and ἀνὴρ ἄριστος.

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