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INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF NEW AND
REPRINTED PROVERB COLLECTIONS

For Metin Yurtbaşı

During this past year I have once again been able to add numerous new and reprinted proverb collections from around the world to my International Proverb Archives at the University of Vermont. Altogether eighty-five collections from many languages and cultures are registered in this annual bibliography. This means that I obtain approximately one additional proverb collection every four days. They range from very small collections in journals to major compilations of over one thousand pages, as for example Valerii M. Mokienko's, T.G. Nikitina's, and E.K. Nikolaeva's invaluable *Bol'shoi slovar' russkikh poslovits* (Moskva: Olma Media Grupp, 2010). I might also mention Helmut A. Seidl's important *Medizinische Sprichwörter. Das große Lexikon deutscher Gesundheitsregeln* (Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 2010), and there is also E.F. Arsent'eva's massive *Russko-anglo-nemetsko-turetsko-tatarskii frazeologicheskii slovar'* (Kazan': Izdatel'stvo Kazanskogo Gosudarstvennogo Universiteta, 2008) that my friend from Kazan' brought to Vermont this fall when she spent one month here working in my archives. I had not registered her publication from almost two years ago before, and this should be taken as a sign how important it is that paremiographers everywhere inform me about their newest publications. It is often difficult for me to find about their new books, and it is usually even more involved to obtain copies of them. As I have stated so many times before, I am more than willing to purchase proverb collections from my private funds, but please do let me know about them so that I can register them in these yearly bibliographies and add actual copies to the archives.

Two years ago I started dedicating my updated bibliographies to colleagues and friends who have been particularly

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helpful in providing me with new paremiographical resources. This year I would like to single out my Turkish friend Metin Yurtbaşı, who is one of the most active and productive paremiographers in the world. Over the years he has sent me numerous Turkish proverb collections put together by Turkish scholars. But he himself has, of course, been the scholar with his massive dictionaries of Turkish proverbs. Many of them have naturally been published in his native Turkish language, but I will never forget when in 1993 he sent me his superb bilingual *A Dictionary of Turkish Proverbs* (Ankara: Turkish Daily News, 1993) and *Türkisches Sprichwörterlexikon* (Ankara: Bilsev, 1993). Since English and German are the two languages that I know best, these comparative dictionaries opened up the rich world of Turkish proverbs for me. These books have now appeared in a number of other languages, and there is also Metin Yurtbaşı's polyglot collection *Turkish Proverbs and Their Euivalents in Fifteen Languages* (Istanbul: Serkon Etiket, 1996). There is no doubt that this paremiographer is indefatigable, as can be seen from the fourteen (!) additional collections that he presented to me this year. As the Turkish language and culture gain in international importance, Metin Yurtbaşı's proverb collections are of great importance in letting the rest of the world know about the long tradition of proverbial wisdom in Turkey.

I thank Metin Yurtbaşı for his paremiographical scholarship and for making his many collections available to my International Proverb Archives where they will be appreciated by paremiographers and paremiologists alike. But let me also thank all other colleagues and friends for their help in keeping track of new and reprinted proverb collections and for helping me in maintaining and expanding the paremiographical holdings of the archives.

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