

## OUR AUTHORS

**Amots Dafni** is Professor at the Department of Evolutionary and Environmental Biology, Institute of Evolution, Haifa University. Apart from pollination ecology, his main areas of research involve ethnobotany, typology and worship of sacred trees, ritual plants.

adafni@research.haifa.ac.il

\*

**Stephen Williams** is a lecturer in the University of Glamorgan teaching sociology and social policy. He works in the faculty of Business and Society in Treforest. His PhD was concerned with fatherhood and social change, his other areas of interest include masculinities, families, politics, sport and social policies that follow from these areas.

smwilli3@glam.ac.uk

\*

**Mirjam Mencej** is Associate Professor of Folkloristics and Mythology at the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana. Her main research domains are belief legends, Slavic and European folk beliefs and customs, demonology, witchcraft.

mirjam.mencej@ff.uni-lj.si

\*

**Leyla Önal** is currently a PhD candidate and studied sociology, communications and philosophy of art. Her research interests include feminist studies, cultural studies, media studies, folklore, mythology and sociology of religion.

leyla.onal@gmail.com

\*

**Elisabeth Piirainen** is a leader of the project on European idioms. Her main research domains cover numerous languages and a variety of fields, such as dialectal and areal phraseology, gender specifics, cultural foundation of idioms. She currently works on the book on *Widespread Idioms in Europe and Beyond: Toward a Lexicon of Common Figurative Units*.

www.widespread-idioms.uni-trier.de  
piirainen@t-online.de

\*

**Tatiana Deviatkina** is Professor at the Department of Social Studies and the Humanities (Saransk Institute of Russian Consumers Cooperatives University). Her main research domains are Mordvinian mythology, marriage rites, songs, folk signs,

interpretation of dreams. She is the author of the encyclopaedia *Mordvinian Mythology* (published in Russian, Mokshan, Estonian, English, and Arabic) and numerous books.

tatyana\_devyatki@mail.ru

\*

**Tatiana Vladykina** is Professor and senior research fellow at the Udmurt Institute of History, Language and Literature, Ural Department of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Her main research domains are Udmurtian mythology and folklore, belief system, calendar customs, songs, etc. She is the author of numerous books.

vlad@ni.udm.ru

\*

**Galina Glukhova** is Associate Professor at the Chair of Udmurt and Russian Literature, Udmurt State University. Her research areas involve Udmurt folklore (calendar, calendar customs, masking, games) in Finno-Ugric contexts and Udmurt literature.

galant@udm.ru

\*

**Piret Õunapuu** is a research fellow-curator in the Estonian National Museum. She is a member of the consultative Museum Board at the Estonian Ministry of Culture, and the editor-in-chief of the journal *Muuseum*. Her main research area is the history of the Estonian National Museum, culture of Estonian Swedes.

piret.ounapuu@erm.ee