Dear indologists

Following up an initiative started at the second Dubrovnik International Conference on the Sanskrit Epics and Puranas (DICSEP) in 1999 an international group of scholars cooperated to create an electronic version of the Critical Edition of the Harivamsha, including star-passages and appendixes. We are very grateful to the authorities of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute to have granted permission to produce this electronic transliteration! And we herewith gratefully acknowledge this permission.

Dr. Dhadphale had written in a letter dated June 19, 2000:

"I am happy to let you know that members of the Executive Board of the Institute under their Resolution No. 5/19.05.2000 have authorised me to communicate to you that they have pleasure to allow to you to make use of the Critical Edition of the Harivamsa published by the Institute as a basis for the electronic transliteration of the text on the condition that the transliterated electronic text of the Harivamsa is used exclusively for research oriented purposes and without any sort of commercial interest [...] and further that the permission given by the authorities of the Inst. is gratefully acknowledged prominently at the beginning of the transliterated text."

In September 2005 the authorities of BORI were informed that the task was completed and a CD with the files was submitted. For reasons unknown, BORI has not yet taken any initiative to realise the intended purpose of our work, i.e., the use for research oriented purposes. Encouraged by various demands for the text we have decided to put it on the homepage of the Department of Indology, University of Zürich, until another solution can be found. Let it be repeated that utilization of this transliteration is exclusively for research oriented purposes and without any sort of commercial interest. Kindly note that the copyright continues to lie with the BORI.

With many thanks to all those involved and to the academic community for the support!

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Special thanks to Reinhold Grünendahl whose corrections and modifications implemented for the GRETL version have been taken over into the Zürich files.

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hvapp0707.txt contains the appendixes; 1.84 MB