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## **FOREWORD**

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In this volume of the SBS, you will also find a new section of invited papers dealing with unpublished seals of historical significance. In the future, we hope to include news of recent discoveries from excavations or accidental findings and interesting seals seen in the catalogues of auctions seals. We have to keep an open eye on digitalised catalogues published only on internet.