

PREFACE

The Sixth World Sanskrit Conference was held on October 13-20, 1984, at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. It was convened by Professor Ernest Bender, one of the Vice-Presidents of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies, and took place in the University Museum and the International House. The conference was divided into four symposia and thirtyfive sections. The themes of the symposia were (1) Analysis of Literary Forms, (2) Ancient and Modern Sanskrit, (3) Vedic Studies and (4) New Materials — New Projects. Numerous other papers were presented at the sectional meetings which, in an admirably large range of topics, covered practically all aspects of Indian Studies.

We regret that financial and other reasons have made it unfeasible to publish all the papers delivered by the participants in the Philadelphia Conference and that, therefore, only a selectio both of the papers and the contributions to the symposia are included in the present volume, which, however, can be deemed highly representative of the entire work of the Conference. Similar restrictions had to be made when the Proceedings of the Fifth World Sanskrit Conference, held in Varanasi in 1981, were printed in New Delhi.

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