

Preface

A year ago, in 2006, the Academy-funded research project *The Ethnic, Linguistic and Cultural Making of the Russian North*¹ published a conference volume titled *The Slavification of the Russian North: Mechanisms and Chronology / Die Slavisierung Nordrusslands: Mechanismen und Chronologie / Славянизация Русского Севера: Механизмы и хронология*.²

The present volume continues the tradition of publishing the results of research project, and it also serves as its final report. The number of the contributions of the volume at hand is lower than in the previous volume but, as I believe, the quality of papers is as high as before.

The volume contains 13 papers in the fields of archaeology, history, Slavonic, Baltic and Finno-Ugrian studies. It ranges from research history to onomastics, historical phonology, phonetics and language typology.

I wish to thank the Academy of Finland for its generous funding of this research project from 2004 to 2007. It only remains to hope that the network which was set up during the project can continue its cooperation in the future.

I also wish to thank all the contributors to this volume for their excellent articles.

The Editor

¹ <http://www.helsinki.fi/hum/slav/nwruusia/>.

² <http://www.helsinki.fi/hum/slav/nwruusia/eng/Conference/papers.htm>.