No one mentions Syriac – a dialect of the Aramaic language Jesus spoke – without referring to Sebastian P. Brock, the Oxford scholar and teacher who has written and taught about everything Syriac, even reorienting the field as The Third Lung of early Christianity (along with Greek and Latin). In 2018, Syriac scholars world-wide gathered in Sigtuna, Sweden, to celebrate with Sebastian his accomplishments and share new directions. Through essays showing what Syriac studies have attained, where they are going, as well as some arenas and connections previously not imagined, flavors of the fruits of laboring in the field are offered.

Contributors to this volume are: Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Shraga Bick, Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony, Alberto Camplani, Thomas A. Carlson, Jeff W. Childers, Muriel Debié, Terry C. Falla, George A. Kiraz, Robert A. Kitchen, Kathleen E. McVey, Sergey Minov, Craig E. Morrison, Radu Mustaţă, István Perczel, Anton Pritula, Ilaria L.E. Ramelli, Christine Shepardson, Stephen J. Shoemaker, Herman G.B. Teule.

Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony is Martin Buber Professor in the Department of Comparative Religion at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She is the author of *The Ladder of Prayer and the Ship of Stirrings* (Peeters, 2019) and the co-editor of *Origeniana Duodecima* (Peeters, 2019).

Miriam L. Hjälm, D.Phil (2015), is a Senior lecturer in Eastern Christian Studies at Sankt Ignatios College, University College Stockholm. She is the author of *Christian Arabic Versions of Daniel* (Brill, 2016) and the editor of *Senses of Scripture, Treasures of Tradition* (Brill, 2017).

Robert A. Kitchen, D.Phil (1998), retired United Church of Canada minister. He has published studies and translations of Syriac ascetical texts, including *The Book of Steps* (Cistercian, 2004) and *The Discourses of Philoxenos of Mabbug* (Cistercian, 2013).