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## Bulletin d'histoire achéménide II, Pierre Briant

The history of the Near East and Central Asia under the Achaemenids, the Great Kings of the Persians, from the middle of the sixth century to 330 B.C. has long been undervalued but during the last fifteen years it has developed in a spectacular fashion. Historians, epigraphists, archaeologists, numismatists, historians of art and scholars of iconography have produced a multitude of investigations and analyses. The great variety of the disciplines involved, the dispersal of the researchers, as well as the sheer number and diversity of journals and publications make it difficult to keep abreast of the publications.

**For these reasons,** the author began in 1997 to publish a *Bulletin d'histoire achéménide* (BHACH) that offered not only an alphabetical list of publications, but also and especially a descriptive analysis of the results and perspectives that were achieved.

**This second Bulletin** (BHACH II) covers the period between Autumn, 1997 and Autumn, 2000. It is accompanied by *indexes* that combine the contents of BHACH I and II to facilitate research.

