

Message from the President

I am pleased to welcome you to the third issue of *Napoleonic Scholarship*, and the first issue since 1998. This past year has been very eventful for the INS. When I became president I was determined to move the INS forward in ways that would honor Ben Weider's legacy and reflect the scholarship that is the essence of our Society. This journal is a major part of what we are all about. It is the only English-language scholarly journal dedicated to the study of Napoleonic history. I was most fortunate in being able to recruit Alexander Mikaberidze, one of the brightest young stars in our field, to serve as editor-in-chief. Helped by a distinguished editorial review committee, as well as our production editor, Rowayda Guirguis, we have created what I hope you will agree is an excellent issue. We encourage you to give us any feedback you wish, as well as to consider contributing to the 2011 issue.

This journal, and all other activities of the INS, were made possible by our founder and first president, Ben Weider. We believe that the journal reflects his spirit, and it is to him that we dedicate this issue of *Napoleonic Scholarship*.

J. David Markham, President

Message from the Editor

Napoleonic Scholarship is a special journal for me personally. Twelve years ago, I was still a young student aspiring to study the Age of Napoleon in a faraway Republic of Georgia when *Napoleonic Scholarship* introduced me to a wider Napoleonic community. Since then my quest to understand Napoleon brought me to the United States where I have spent now almost a decade pursuing my dream. Therefore, it was my honour and pleasure to accept David's offer to serve as an editor-in-chief of this journal. Today, there is virtually no other English-language publication dedicated to the Napoleonic Era and I hope that *Napoleonic Scholarship* will take a proper place on the shelves of historians and enthusiast alike.

I envision this journal as a forum for wide-ranging issues and the current issues is a good example of this. It contains contributions from the well-known historians as well as the young scholars who are just breaking onto the path of historical quest. The topic range from the Waterloo Campaign and Napoleonic Italy to the theories of Comte de Guibert, Napoleon's dental issues and American opinion about the French Emperor. I hope that the reader will find the breadth of topic refreshing and interesting. But besides the articles, I also hope to use this publication as a way to introduce lesser known material that will allow scholars to gain a better understanding of the Revolutionary Era. The current issue features a selection of Russian and French battle reports from one of the most famous engagements of the Napoleonic Wars - the Battle of Borodino. We hope you will enjoy reading the journal and look forward to hearing from you!

Alexander Mikaberidze, Editor