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We believe that our work will be useful to specialists both in their own research work and in their teaching. This publication is not a commercial venture, and it is available only through exchange.

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It is with the greatest sadness and regret
that we inform about the death of

Professor Joanna Mantel-Niećko

who passed away on 28th October, 2009

We have lost the renowned expert in Ethiopian studies,
specialist in the Amharic language, history of Ethiopia,
and current issues in the Horn of Africa.

She was gifted Tutor of many generations of students in
the Department of African Languages and Cultures, Uni-
versity of Warsaw, Teacher and Master, a great authority
on scientific and moral standards, Friend of young people
and unforgettable Colleague.

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