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With this issue, JOSH A is starting a new project, the **Demetrios Project**.

We chose Demetrios of Phaleron, a student of Theophrastus and most probably of Aristotle, as the name patron of our project. Demetrios was instrumental in establishing the ancient Library of Alexandria, probably the largest and most significant library of the ancient world covering all aspects of Science, Humanities and the Arts in many different languages.

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We will start this project with the Architecture Textbook by Professor Bujar from Albania, written in the Albanian language – as you will be able to see in the next paper.

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“To know even one life has breathed easier because This is to have succeeded.”
(Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803 – 1882).

Editorial in German:

Das **JOSHA** Demetrios Projekt: Monographien und Lehrbücher in allen Sprachen als zur kosenlosen Lektüre und zum kostenlosen Download (Books as Open Online Content “BOOC”)

Wir beginnen unsere neue **JOSHA** Ausgabe diesen Montag mit dem Demetrios Projekt.

Wir wählen „Demetrios of Phaleron“, Schüler des Theophrastus und möglicherweise von Aristoteles, zum Namenspatron unseres Projekts. Demetrios gründete die antike Bibliothek in Alexandria, die wohl die größte und bedeutendste Büchersammlung der Antike war und eine große Anzahl verschiedener Fächer und Sprachen umfasste.

Auch uns liegt es am Herzen, **JOSHA** als universal zugängliche Bibliothek allen Sprachgruppen und Ländern zu öffnen.

Wir setzen es uns daher zum Ziel, „open-access“ Lehrbücher in jeglicher Disziplin der Natur-, Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften und Künsten, Studierenden und Lesern auf der ganzen Welt bereitzustellen. **JOSHA** wird Lehrbücher und Monographien in allen Sprachen publizieren, gegeben dass eine angemessene Begutachtung („peer review“) von ExpertInnen des betreffenden Faches vorangegangen ist. Wir, die **IASHA** Mitglieder sowie **JOSHA** Herausgeber, sind der festen Überzeugung, dass die Bereitstellung von Lehrmaterialien für Studierende und Lehrende in einkommensschwachen Regionen dieser Welt, in denen diese Materialien oft nicht finanziell tragbar sind, großes Potential besitzt. Wir möchten daher **JOSHA** AutorInnen und LeserInnen dazu ermutigen, uns Textbücher und Lehrmaterialien unentgeltlich zuzusenden, um uns auf spezifische Themenfelder, die besonders großen Publikationsbedarf vorweisen, aufmerksam zu machen.

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“Zu wissen, dass wenigsten ein Leben einfacher geatmet hat, heißt... das es gelungen ist.“ (Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803-1882).

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