Editorial


Next comes Ann Heirman’s study of a Chinese vinaya master’s concern to preserve the life of even insects.

Then we have two papers on some positive aspects of being alive: Vanessa Sasson on the love between the Buddha and Yaśodharā — though also the associated pain of separation — and Aruna Gamage translation of two sets of Pali verses which include much praise of the beauty of nature. The verses are ascribed to Kāludāyī (Gamage p. 73 and p.93, n.80), as a kind of expansion of his Theragāthā verses (527–536). He was the son of one of Suddhodana’s ministers, a childhood companion of the Buddha and one of the seven co-natals — born at the same time as the Buddha, along with Rāhulamātā/Yaśodharā, as discussed in the Sasson article (pp. 55, 56–57).

Matthew Spencer then discusses our knowledge of Pali in a review article on a new detailed study of the language.

On the matter of impermanence, I have decided that my time editing Buddhist Studies Review will come to an end this year. I have been fulfilling the role of General Editor from volume 23 in 2006 — around 4000 pages ago — assisted by Alice Collett since 2014. I feel that it is now time to pass on my BSR role. From the next issue, Alice Collett will be the General Editor, with the book reviews editor, Christopher Jones, becoming the Assistant Editor.