

Congratulations to Phyllis Granoff on her retirement, by Luitgard Soni, Innsbruck, Austria

Phyllis Granoff gave me a gift for life when I was her external student in McMaster in the 1980s. On account of particular constraints I could not obtain a work permit in Canada, nor did I have the financial means to register as a student. Phyllis allowed me to attend her Sanskrit-courses and later on she spent hours and hours with me reading texts in Sanskrit and Prakrit like the Bhagavadajjukam and Hāla's Sattasāi. Above all she opened the treasure-chest of Jaina narrative literature for me. She let me partake of her vast knowledge, her linguistic versatility and especially her genuine love for literature. She did it with constant care and patience. The inspiration which I was so fortunate to experience in those days still supports me and I thank her for this most sincerely.

Knowing Phyllis over the many decades, I'm sure she will have a continued rich and lively time in her retirement and I heartily wish her health and joy.