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**Manichaean Confessional fragments in Manichaean script
in the Berlin Turfan Collection**

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The practice of the confession of sins was part of the ritual life of the Manichaean congregations. In Eastern Manichaeism the weekly Monday confession, both for the Hearers and the Elect, was a well-established practice. The ceremony of the Bēma feast also included a collective confession. Formulaic texts for the confession of sins were apparently widespread in the Eastern Manichaean communities. The most well-known and the best preserved Manichaean confessional formularies are the Sogdian confessional for the Elect, which forms part of the Bēma liturgy published by Henning, and the Turkish *Xwāstwānīft*, studied by von Le Coq, Bang and Asmussen. Other confessional texts were published by Henning in his edition of the *Bet- und Beichtbuch*, and he additionally made known a fragment (T I D a = So 10700b) of the Sogdian version of the *Xwāstwānīft*. Other confessional fragments in Manichaean script were published in translation only, or briefly commented upon, by Asmussen in his edition of the *Xwāstwānīft*. The aim of this paper is the publication of the original text of all the fragments in Manichaean script which contain texts and formulas of a confessional character. This study originated in a project in collaboration with Dr. Christiane Reck, who will discuss in this Conference the fragments in Sogdian script. All the texts presented here are in Sogdian, with a notable exception, M 210, which is in Middle Persian.