

## **Dear friends and colleagues,**

I am happy to present you a new scientific review dedicated to the studies of Roman law and Romanistic tradition. It is result of the friendship and the efforts of many people, good romanists coming from different countries, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Russia but also from South Africa.

Our purpose is to bring to Bulgaria and to the other countries of the East of Europe the advanced knowledge of History of Law understood on the basis of Roman law. We would like to present to foreign scientific centres and groups of scholars some of the interesting young or advanced researchers from Bulgaria. The Roman law and generally the Legal History are the focus of our main interest. Nonetheless, the studies of any legal systems from Antiquity, Medieval times, or Humanism and even modern times, related somehow to the History are also welcome. We believe that this is not only an interesting challenge but also a useful ability for understanding the complex legal environment of the present day.

The review stimulates the scientists interested to publish here to concentrate to the right understanding of legal and legal sources, clarification of their historical, linguistic and philosophic context.

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This number is dedicated to the memory of prof. Dr. Jur. Hans Ankum, d.h.c. mult. He passed away of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June this year. Prof. Ankum was d.h.c. of UNWE and a good friend to the Bulgarian romanists and to many of our readers. Here we republish one of his most important articles about the laconism of Papinian.

Good Luck to all the authors, readers and to the new scientific review AUREA IURIS ROMANI!

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