

Preface

After a considerable interval we make bold to present another volume of the *Subseciva Groningana*. It is not for lack of activity on the part of the Groningen legal historians that for six years no volume of studies was assembled; rather they had been commissioned to publish elsewhere, while not enough contributions from abroad were offered to justify continuation of the series at an earlier moment. We therefore would like to repeat our invitation in the preface to the first volume of December 2nd, 1983, that 'The columns [of the *Subseciva*] are in principle open to everyone who is willing to make a contribution to research in Roman and Greco-Roman law'.

In another respect we return to the earlier volumes, too. In contrast to the third to fifth volumes, the first two did not have a central theme, nor does the present one. The papers are concerned with a variety of themes. They reflect, among other things, ongoing work on the *Basilica*, in preparation of their *Prolegomena*.

On the publishing side, Egbert Forsten and the Stichting 'Het Groningsch Rechtshistorisch Fonds' have withdrawn and Chimaira has appeared on the stage. The reader has no cause to be frightened: Bellerophon is firmly in charge.

It is hoped that these crumbs will wet the appetite of the reader and stimulate him or her to prepare a dish as well. We would be happy to taste it and propagate the recipe in future volumes.

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