

Preface

The seventh volume of the *Subseciva Groningana* was originally intended to contain the acts of the 'Byzantine' session on legal teaching and practice in the Justinianic age in the XXXth 'Deutscher Rechtshistorikertag' of Regensburg, September 1998, as well as the translation and commentary on the prooimion of the *Eisagoge*. Whilst the latter is included here, for various reasons it has proved impossible to collect the Regensburg acts. Two papers delivered to that session, however, appear here, by Joëlle Beaucamp and Fausto Gorla respectively, who have been patient enough to wait until Jan Lokin and Bernard Stolte had written articles on an aspect of legal practice of the same period. The four together are offered here as a small token of gratitude to our Regensburg colleagues for making available a fruitful and pleasant afternoon in their programme. Tom van Bochove's paper on the terminus technicus *διαίρεσις* forms an intermezzo before the prooimion of the *Eisagoge*.

It is two years since the sixth volume of the *Subseciva Groningana* was published; the eighth volume is scheduled for 2003. We hope to be able to keep to a two-yearly rhythm of publication. Colleagues are invited to send contributions on Roman and especially on Byzantine law to the editor at the address printed on the reverse of the title page.

The Editor