Preface

Eight years have passed since the previous volume was published. Optimistic words in that volume's preface clearly have not come true. It is nevertheless a pleasure to present the fruits of research in Byzantine law from the intervening period and to show that the *Subseciva Groningana* are alive and well.

In recent years the never very numerous circle of students of the *ius graeco-romanum* has lost two outstanding members and contributors to the *Subseciva* in the past, Marie Theres Fögen and Giuliana Lanata. We remember them as colleagues and friends.

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