

PREFACE

Thirty-five years ago, on December 2nd, 1983, the *Subseciva Groningana* proudly presented themselves with prefaces in Dutch and Latin on facing pages. Both their name and date were a tribute to the founder of what had become the ‘Groningen School’ of Graeco-Roman Law, Professor Herman Jan Scheltema, who had died two years earlier, and whose own series of *subseciva* had pointed the way to where we are now. Scheltema’s *subseciva* had not been just ‘left-overs’, as their name seemed to suggest. True, they were occasional pieces in comparison to the edition of the *Basilica cum scholiis*, which he, with the help of Nicolaas van der Wal and Douwe Holwerda, had completed in manuscript just before his death, but these misleadingly brief papers contain many of the discoveries he had made while preparing the edition. Indeed, it was for their sake that he had set himself the Herculean task of editing the *Basilica*: in search of information about Justinian’s legislation.

The *Subseciva Groningana* did not and do not pretend to equal that achievement. Their name continues to refer to origin and main direction of what their editors imagined in 1983. The tenth issue now lies before the reader. Tom van Bochove has again acted as a meticulous copy-editor. As usual, Karen Mulders has done the lion’s share of the invisible work.

This volume is dedicated to Roos Meijering, in gratitude for her contribution to editions and papers during the years she has occupied herself with the – to her *taetra* – *jurisprudentia*. Special mention should be made here of her part in the preparation of the *Theophili Paraphrasis Institutionum*. Our best wishes accompany her in her retirement.

Thirty-five years and ten volumes: the numbers suggest a jubilee and a milestone. That is as it may be: they also are a reminder that some time has passed since the idea of a Groningen series of occasional publications on Graeco-Roman law was first floated, and that the hour has come for the founding editors to make way for the next generation. In 2015 our colleague and friend Nicolaas van der Wal passed away. The remaining two editors, having contributed to this tenth volume, have decided to step aside, with best wishes for the new team. A new development is that previous issues of the *Subseciva Groningana* can now be found in our online archive: <https://ugp.rug.nl/sg/>.

May the *Subseciva* prosper!

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