

FOREWORD

After the 1st International Conference on the Roman Danubian Provinces hosted by the “Laboratorio di studi e ricerche sulle antiche province Danubiane” (LAD) of the University of Ferrara in 2009, a second conference dedicated to Cults and Religiosity in the Roman Danubian Provinces followed in Ferrara in 2013. The 3rd International Conference on the Roman Danubian Provinces already moved to the provinces, specifically to *Pannonia*, and the territory of *Vindobona*.” The Conference was hosted by the “Department of Ancient History and Antiquity Studies, Papyrology and Epigraphy” of the University of Vienna in 2015, and the main focus was on the Society and Economy in the Roman Danube Provinces.

The “Department of Archaeology“ of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb gladly hosted the 4th International Conference on the Roman Danubian Provinces in 2017. The Conference was organized with the support of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, the Croatian Archaeological Society, and the **Croatian Science Foundation** through the **project 6505 Between the Danube and the Mediterranean. Exploring the role of Roman military in the mobility of people and goods in Croatia during the Roman Era**. Since it was organized in Zagreb, the Conference remained in *Pannonia*, not far from *Siscia*, the capital of *Pannonia Savia*, and in the territory of the *Res publica Andautoniensium*. The main topic of the Conference was Traian and the Roman Danubian Provinces or, more specifically, the political, economic and religious life in the Danubian Provinces..

In the meantime, the 5th International Conference on Roman Danubian Provinces, with the main focus on Romans and Natives in the Danubian Provinces (1st C. BC–6th C. AD), was successfully organized and held at the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași” in 2019. Organized every two years under the auspices of the University of Ferrara and a new scientific research institution in the Danube region, the Conference has grown into a renowned and unavoidable scientific assembly for a wide range of topics related to the Roman Danubian Provinces. The publication of the Proceedings of the Conferences also contributed to this fact. For that reason, we are very pleased to present another contribution to such a development of the Conference, namely the Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on the Roman Danubian Provinces held in Zagreb. When we look at the list of participants and the topics that have been presented at the Conference and submitted for publication, we are glad that almost all the Danubian provinces were represented through announced topics or scientists who are currently researching in the territory of these provinces.

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