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SAPIENS UBIQUE CIVIS

The Department of Classical Philology and Neo-Latin Studies of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Szeged organized its international conference for PhD students and young scholars, *Sapiens ubique civis* for the fifth time between August 30 and September 1, 2017 in Szeged. The idea of having a conference was inspired by a similar biennial symposium, *Laetae Segetes* held at Masaryk University in Brno, and the first one took place in 2013, exactly ten years after the last international conference of our Department, called *Klassizismus und Modernität*.

What started out as a one-time event, turned out to mark the beginning of a successful series of annual international conferences, having had almost 200 lectures in the last six years. *Sapiens ubique civis* has had speakers from 75 different universities and 27 different countries. There have been not only European participants, but Japanese, Israeli, Chilean, Iranian, Qatari, Sri Lankan and US scholars as well. The conference has become especially popular among young classicists working in the United Kingdom, as 22 speakers from 11 institutes participated in *SUC* in the last six years. The number of speakers from Masaryk University should also be mentioned: 14 young scholars have visited Szeged since 2013, which helped strengthen ties between the classical languages departments in Brno and Szeged. The only difficulty in the organization process was a slight decline in the number of speakers in the years 2015 and 2016, but in the past two years this tendency has reversed itself, and in 2018, *Sapiens ubique civis* had a record number of foreign participants.

While organizing *Sapiens ubique civis*, we have always considered our main goal is to provide an opportunity for the publication of papers. Thanks to the offer by the Eötvös József Collegium, 27 papers from the first conference have been published in a volume of the series *Antiquitas Byzantium Renascentia*, entitled *Sapiens ubique civis*, edited by János Nagyillés, Attila Hajdú, Gergő Gellérfi, Anne Horn Baroody, and Sam Baroody. Since 2014, a selection of the papers from every edition of the conference has been published in internationally renowned academic journals.

This volume contains 7 papers from the fifth *Sapiens ubique civis* conference, organized by János Nagyillés, Klaudia Harcz, Attila Hajdú, Tamás Jászay, and Gergő Gellérfi. During the three days of the conference, 32 lectures (including four keynote speeches) were delivered by speakers from 10 different countries. The conference could not have been so well organised without the efforts of the students of our Department, and the support of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Szeged. We would like to express our gratitude to them, and to the editors of *Acta Classica Universitatis Scientiarum Debreceniensis* for publishing a selection of papers from *Sapiens ubique civis V*.

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