

Editorial

“*Lectoribus salutem* – Greetings to the Readers” – István Werbőczy opened with these words his monumental law book, the *Tripartitum*, a collection of Hungarian royal statutes and customary law, five hundred years ago. This can be considered the beginning of systematized Hungarian legal thinking, seeking contact with the main streams of leading contemporary legal disciplines in Europe.

“*Iustitia est constans et perpetua voluntas ius suum cuique tribuens* – Justice is an unswerving and perpetual determination to acknowledge all men’s rights” (Just. Inst. 1,1 pr). Almost one thousand five hundred years ago Emperor Justinian set a high standard for lawyers and scholars of legal studies. Following a long tradition, this periodical aims to answer and address the new challenges of our age.

The *Hungarian Journal of Legal Studies – Acta Juridica Hungarica* is an established periodical of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, founded in 1959. Over fifty years, in more than two hundred issues, *HJLS* has published many studies in a wide range of fields. The main aim was the promotion of the results of Hungarian legal jurisprudence for an international community of researchers and to inform about recent developments in Hungarian legislation.

In January 2015, the editors changed and a new editorial board was instated with a slightly different policy and vision. First of all, *HJLS* became a peer-reviewed journal for jurisprudence on national, transnational and European law, with Open Access character, registered in leading on-line data banks such as Hein-online.

The focus of the *Hungarian Journal of Legal Studies* is no longer just on national legal research. The main target of *HJLS* is to become a vivid forum for scholarly disputes in Central and Eastern Europe, connect scientists and scientific schools from the East and West. It is a sign of high quality and strong beginnings that for the first quarter we received papers from eight countries – and 40% of the submitted manuscripts were rejected.

The editors encourage Hungarian and non-Hungarian scholars, as well as young researchers to submit papers. Editors and publishers promise a short turnaround and high quality publication both in print and on-line.

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