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Dear Professor Dear Readers

Professor Sarnowski's interests are focused primarily on the Roman army and the archaeology of the Roman borderlands, especially the defence systems near the lower Danube and the Roman army presence in southern Crimea. The idea behind this volume was to bring together texts on various topics of interest for the Jubilant, written by his friends and colleagues — all academics equally fascinated by such subject matter, as well as by his alumni and current students, as a means to celebrate and honour this birthday anniversary.

This scientific interest resulted in broad contacts among various scholars from Eastern and Western Europe. Our intention was to arrange this book in such a way that it would express this diversity, but also create a forum for a meeting between the East and the West in a literal sense: the bibliography, provided both in Cyrillic and transliterated, is a nod to the readers, who — we hope — will find this useful.

It was not possible to invite all those who would like to express their esteem and gratitude to Professor Sarnowski. We were overwhelmed by the amount of papers sent to us and this in itself shows how much we all owe to Him. While we apologize to those who were not invited, at the same time we would like share the hope that the next anniversary will be honoured with yet another such book.

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We hope that this volume will constitute a gift which will not receive negative reviews from You, Dear Jubilant, but rather will serve as an expression of our gratitude and affection.

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