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1<sup>st</sup> Circular letter

Dear colleagues and friends,

The 75<sup>th</sup> session of the Société internationale Fernand De Visscher pour l'Histoire des Droits de l'Antiquité will find place at the university Saint-Louis – Brussels, from 13 to 16 September 2022 on the theme:

***Ius et Religio.*** Law, Ancient Religions and Christianity in Antiquity

The scientific part of the congress will start on Tuesday 13 September in the morning with two plenary conferences with Emmanuelle Chevreau in the chair. These conferences will be given by John Scheid, Honorary Professor at the Collège de France, Head of the Chair "Religion, Institutions and Society of Ancient Rome", and Wim Decock, Professor of Roman Law and Legal History at the Catholic University of Louvain and the University of Liège, a researcher associated with the Max Planck Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte of Frankfurt, whose work focuses on the reformulation of the historical foundations of contract law by Catholic moral theology of modern times.

Welcoming and registration will be open on Monday 12 September, late afternoon, at the University of Saint-Louis in Brussels, with a welcome drink.

In order to allow you to discover some cultural or artistic wealth in Brussels, I can already announce a visit to the monumental model of the city of Rome in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, a recent joyau of our royal museums of art and history, and the screening of a mute film (by Buster Keaton, probably on a theme evoking fake news) accompanied to the piano by a colleague, honorary professor at the Catholic University of Louvain (Silent Movie -Live piano).

On Friday afternoon (16 September), after the General Assembly in the Royal Academy Palace, the gala dinner will take place in the Cercle Royal Gaulois.

As for the excursion (17 September), in honour of the place of birth of the founder of our Society, it will take place in Ghent, where you will be able to see Van Eyck's head of work, the Adoration of the mystic Lamb, with an "increased reality".

The official website of the Congress will be accessible shortly. I will then send you a second circular setting out all the details of the dates and procedures for registration.

Looking forward to meeting you in Brussels, where our *societas amicorum* was founded, "in person" at this anniversary session,

Sincerely Yours,

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