

Foreword

The priority goal of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University is to maintain the scientific journals published by the Faculty and to promote the publication of new papers in them. To this end, an open access periodicals publishing website was created at the address ojs.ppke.hu, from which the journal *Verbum – Analecta Neolatina* is now also available.

By using Open Journal Systems (OJS), developed by the Canadian Public Knowledge Project (PKP), open source and directly accessible from the university's servers, *Verbum* can fully meet the professional and technological requirements of our time. In recent years, it has been proven that open access is not only economical and environmentally friendly, but also exceptionally supports readers in finding and using the literature they need more easily. Our faculty is therefore actively committed to the open access of scientific knowledge, which promotes interdisciplinary collaborations and increases visibility while also ensuring the long-term access to papers. By choosing the “diamond” model,¹ we publish *Verbum* open access and completely free of charge for authors – and of course for readers.

It gives me great pleasure that *Verbum*, founded by the Institute of Romance Languages (now called Institute of Classical and Romance Languages) of our faculty in 1999, can now continue to be published using the OJS software. The journal provides a forum for New Latin and Romance arts, literature, linguistics and philology, presenting mainly the results of research carried out at our faculty and other institutions collaborating with it.

¹ Different open access types are commonly described using a colour system. Usually recognised names are “green”, “gold” or “diamond”. Diamond open access means that academic texts are published with no fees to either reader or author (alternative labels include “platinum open access”). In the gold open access model, the publisher makes all articles available for free, but an article processing charge may be charged to the author. In the green model, self-archiving by authors is permitted.

In the future, we will continue to strive to deliver a professionally recognized, high-quality publication scene for the research taking place at the Faculty, opening it up to researchers not affiliated with our university as well. The guarantee of outstanding quality is the international editorial board and the double-blind peer review process. Our goal is that the topics and methodology of *Verbum* keep pace with the scientific progress of the world.

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