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## From the Editors

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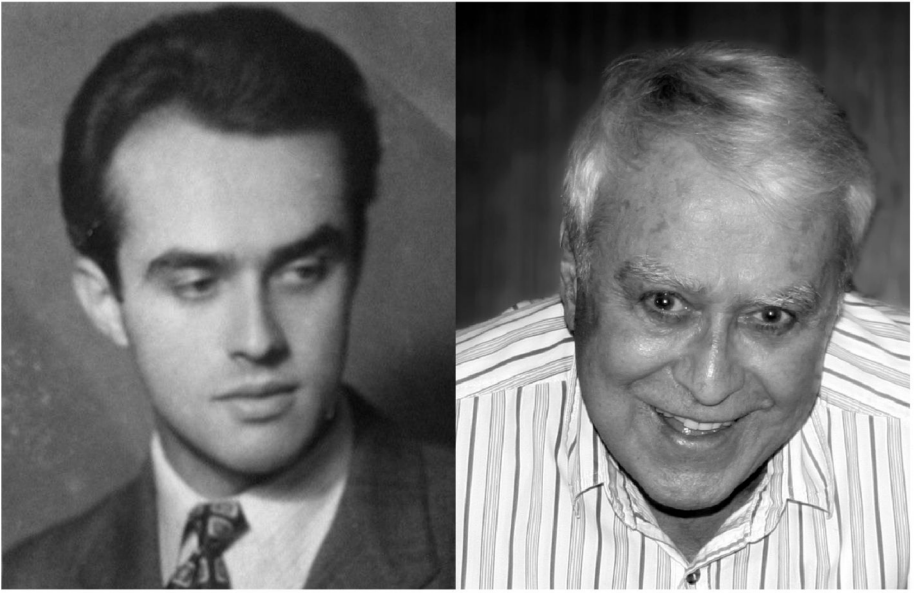
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Tekst jest udostępniony do wykorzystania w ramach  
dozwolonego użytku.

### FROM THE EDITORS

THE PICTURES on the following page say it all. This *Journal* is dedicated to Józef Méléze Modrzejewski for his birthday. Adam Łukaszewicz recalls that Józef once expressed a wish to rejuvenate, he did not want, however, to get back to earliest years of his full and interesting life. He would have rather find himself at the point at which, he, still young, had already possessed some knowledge and experience (as we may add the knowledge and experience, we all cherish him for!), he would go back – *dixit* Łukaszewicz – to the, say, fortieth anniversary of his birth. Neither do we think that Méléze Modrzejewski needs a drastic rejuvenation. Hardly may one find a scholar so young in his spirit, so inexhaustible in his scientific pursuits, so direct in contacts with his younger colleagues, all this despite the fact that time marches inexorably on. This is the round, fortieth volume of our *Journal*, proud to have Józef among its closest and oldest – almost since its foundation by Taubenschlag – collaborators. With all the authors, we hope that Józef will find pleasing this little gift for his round, twice-fortieth birthday. Having in mind both occasions: Józef's and the *Journal*'s anniversary, we have tried to make its content it as juristic as possible again.

The Reader will also notice some formal changes in the organisation of our periodical. Adam Łajtar has long closely co-operated with the rest of us, since the *Journal* in the recent years has been publishing more and more papers dealing with the territories beyond the First Cataract.



Józef Modrzejewski in the late 1940s  
and Joseph Méléze Modrzejewski in 2010

We have deemed it proper to make his participation more visible and asked him to join the Editorial Board both of the *Journal* and its *Supplements*. Adam will be responsible for the epigraphic and Nubiological studies and head the books review-section of the *Journal*.

There is another change. We have decided, pressed by the requirements of the statistics-driven and citation-hungry administration of science all over the world, to formalise what has already been the immanent part of the editorial process. Hence our friends whom we have always consulted in publication matters have now agreed to officially become the members of the newly established Scientific Board, headed by Ewa Wipszycka (Uniwersytet Warszawski). They are Roger S. Bagnall (New York University), Benedetto Bravo (Uniwersytet Warszawski), Willy Clarysse (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), Józef Méléze Modrzejewski (Université Paris I – Sorbonne and École pratique des hautes études), Dorothy Thompson (Girton College, Cambridge University), Jacques van

der Vliet (Universiteit Leiden and Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen). The Board members will, together with the editors form the core of the reviewing panel for the submissions. We would like to thank them for their efforts. We are also grateful to José Luis Alonso, Martin Lemke, Chris Rodriguez, Giovanni Ruffini, and Fabiana Tuccillo who have agreed to undertake the uneasy task of the official language consultants to the *Journal*. We hope for the future that these formal steps will secure the *Journal's* place in all the necessary rankings and lists, but even more that this place will be always defended by the uniqueness of the *Journal* among the periodicals devoted to Ancient History and the level of the scholarly contributions it publishes.

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