

Editorial

Although I am not a specialist in the area of research of my treasured colleague, as present editor-in-chief it is my privilege to dedicate this volume of *Byzantinoslavica* to its former executive editor (1970–1989) and later editor-in-chief (1990–1999), Vladimír Vavřínek, on his 90th birthday. In this way, I want to thank him for maintaining the high quality of the journal in the difficult years of communism and in the decade following its fall. As a Byzantinist, I would also like to celebrate his scholarly achievements. A man of integrity, he lived and worked a large part of his life under a regime, which failed to appreciate his abilities and offer him favorable work conditions. His bibliography is nevertheless admirable. To name at least two of his recent publications, Dr. Vavřínek's work includes the monograph *Cyril a Metoděj mezi Konstantinopolem a Římem* [Cyril and Methodius between Constantinople and Rome] (Prague 2013), which became a national bestseller, and articles, such as *The Puzzle of Cyrillo-Methodian Mission* (BSI 75, 2017), which offer some of the most incisive ideas in the Cyrillo-Methodian field. As one of the founders of the Czech Byzantine Studies, our honorand has been a great inspiration to younger scholars to whom he always generously gave his time and in various ways supported their work and studies. Personally, I would like to thank him for his kindness, with which he welcomed me at the Slavonic Institute when I began working there in 2012, and for his advice, help and support which continue to this day. On behalf of my colleague, the executive editor Martina Čechová, the internal and external editorial board, language editors of *Byzantinoslavica* and myself, I would like to wish him good health, inspiration for his work and much strength and joy for the coming years! And also – *να τα εκατοστήσει!*

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