

FOREWORD

Institute of Comparative Law (Serbia), in cooperation with “Josip Juraj Strossmayer” University of Osijek Faculty of Law (Croatia) and University of Pécs Faculty of Law (Hungary) initiated a new international conference, *Regional Law Review*, in 2020. Our goal was and remained to create an opportunity for lawyers from the region, the whole of Europe and the countries that share the European legal heritage, to gather and discuss current topics from various fields of law.

The problems caused by the pandemic have affected our plans this year as well. The conference was held on October 22 and 23 in a hybrid format, with a combination of presence of authors in the conference room or online via Zoom application.

Nevertheless, a large number of authors responded, including some authors who participated in the first conference last year. A total of 26 authors from nine countries researched and presented the results of their researches in the form of 19 scientific papers that you will find in this collection. We owe a great deal of gratitude to all of them. Thanks to their efforts and time they invested, *RLR* lived up to expectations for the second time, and continued to grow and develop.

I would like to thank the members of the Scientific and Organizational Committee, the representatives of all three institutions that jointly organized the conference, as well as all the reviewers (a total of 22 reviewers from nine countries) who certainly played significant role in establishing the academic standard of the quality of published papers. My gratitude is also directed to all those who worked diligently on the organization of technical and essential details of the Conference and proceedings, and above all for the selfless help of my colleagues from the Institute of Comparative Law, who bore significant burden of the organization. We have continued to develop mechanisms for academic communication in adverse circumstances that have prevented us from fully realising our research efforts for almost two years. First results of our efforts to become visible and recognisable at the international level are being visible. We have been listed in *HeinOnline Law Journal Library*, and that is just the beginning. Thank you all for overcoming all technical and other difficulties, as well as for achieving high quality of the Conference.

Due to our liberal policy of using citation methods, two styles have been used in the collection, with several different variations. I think that in a way such freedom of expression contributes to the dynamics of reading the texts and (in a technical manner) corresponds to the diversity of topics covered by researchers.

I want to conclude this address with optimism - I am sure that in the coming years RLR will be recognised as an important scientific event in the region, but also that the network of cooperation created around the Conference will be further developed and will attract even more lawyers who want to share their ideas and researches with the scientific community.

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