

AUSPICIOUS FOREWORD

A new scientific periodical, called *Terra Alutana*, meaning “Oltean Country”, edited by the Olt County Museum, is brought forward for affirmation. In other words, the new periodical is finding its way amongst the specific magazines, trying to bring to light the present of the people who lived in the past, first of all in Olt County, but, in fact, throughout the country and even abroad. The covered topics range from prehistoric and ancient archaeology to ancient and modern numismatics, and modern and contemporary history. Among the authors of the first issue, there are also leading personalities of the Romanian and European archaeology, such as Gheorghe Lazarovici, PhD, Ernest Oberländer-Târnoveanu, PhD, (director of the National Museum of Romanian History). The journal has a special inventory that guarantees its objectivity, quality and value, in accordance with international rules: Publication rules, Review form, Scientific Committee and Editorial Board.

Truth be told, within the specialised publishing environment – which seems abundant – there is still plenty of room and there is a need for new opportunities for young researchers, along the already acknowledged ones. The fact that the specialists leading the Olt County Museum make this huge effort to bring such a periodical for publication, on the demanding market of history publications, is a testimony of maturity, and responsibility at the same time. I sincerely hope, in accordance with good auspices, that the answer to Eminescu’s question „Dintre sute de catarge/ Care lasă malurile/ Câte oare le vor sparge/ Vânturile, valurile?” (Out of all the masts that sail / Far away when the sea raves / How many will be destroyed / By the winds and by the waves?) is, in this case, clear and precise. The magazine is to have a long and prosperous life, its “captains” will successfully navigate through winds and waves, and will bring only accomplishments to the historiographical scene.

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